

Senator resigns, avoids impeachment

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

For the last three and one-half weeks Student Senate has been involved with an impeachment proposition between two senators.

But after Tuesday's meeting ended, the conflict came to an end as Dan Ayala, senior class representative, resigned from his duties. The resignation will be official after Ayala signs a form.

If Ayala would have kept his position,

the impeachment hearing would have begun within the next week.

According to Senate President Kara Karssen, the impeachment charge occurred when Jen Seaman, governmental affairs leader, filed the charge Oct. 29 after a "personal conflict" occurred between the two.

Their conflict concerned Ayala's nomination into "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Seaman claimed Ayala had already

won this award two years previously. Ayala said the information was false and then wrote Seaman a letter that contained vulgar and threatening language, which prompted Seaman to file the impeachment charge. On Nov. 5, three other members of Senate signed the impeachment form to jumpstart the process.

Once the charge was filed, a judiciary committee was formed to evaluate the situation. Judiciary Chairman Chase Cornett headed the six-member board

that was to decide Ayala's future as a senator.

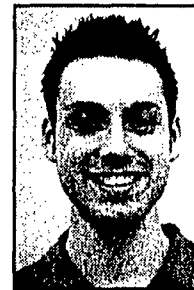
Ayala said he felt good about his decision to resign.

"I feel 100 percent that by involving Senate in an impeachment trial means that we are not focusing on the students' concerns so I don't want to put the Senate in that position," Ayala said. "I feel like the focus should be on the students, always for the students and by going through that process, I don't feel like we're

doing that."

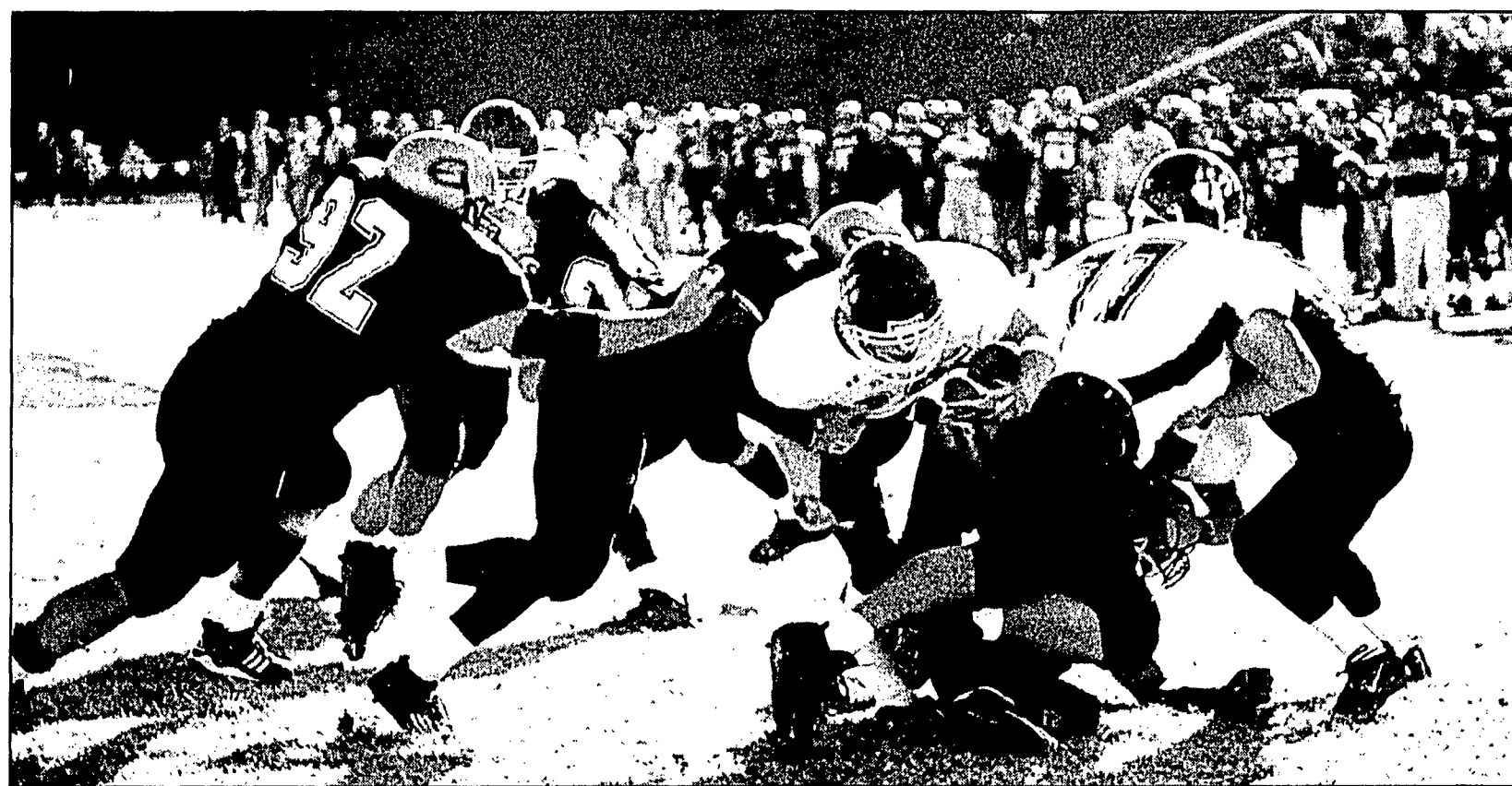
After it was all said and done, Ayala said it is time to move on.

"I have Phi Delta Theta to focus on right now and I'm the president of the Hispanic-American leadership program so I can devote time to that like I always have been," Ayala said. "I've given my dues to Senate, I've been involved for four and a half years so I feel like it's time to



DAN AYALA
RESIGNED FROM SENATE

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Freshman running back Mitch Herring finds the hole and plunges into the end zone in the first quarter of the Bearcats' 34-5 win over Emporia State University.

With the win, the Bearcats won their sixth MIAA title in seven years. The title also gave head coach Mel Tjeerdsma MIAA Coach of the Year honors.

Bearcats reign as champions of MIAA

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into Saturday's game against Emporia State University, the Northwest football team knew they had clinched at least a tie for the MIAA conference title.

However, that was not enough. They wanted the title outright.

"We just kept saying 11-0 - no co-champions," junior cornerback Darryl Ridley said. "We just had to make sure we win it outright."

In the end, the Bearcats defeated Emporia State 34-5 and won their sixth conference title in seven years.

It was not an easy road to the conference title this year. The 'Cats struggled to find themselves on offense at the beginning of the season and found them-

selves involved in three games decided by seven points or less toward the end of the season.

"That's a heck of a turnaround from 7 and 4 to 11 and 0," senior linebacker Adam Crowe said. "We came out, played real tough all year and it shows."

MIAA coaches predicted Northwest to finish third at the beginning of the season, behind Pittsburg State University and Central Missouri State University.

The team did not pay attention to preseason rankings. Instead, they thrived on last year's 7-4 season as motivation.

"I'm really proud of our players," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "A lot of these guys, especially the seniors, they kind of took that personal last year. They kind of felt like they let the program down as

a team last year, losing four ball games."

Tjeerdsma said the difference this year is the team's determination.

"They have been so committed," he said. "That's what we talked about from the time the year was over last year. They've done everything we've asked them to do. I think this team has taken coaching probably better than any other team we've had here. These guys really listen."

But do not think the Bearcats are going to celebrate for a long time. Sunday, the team turned its focus to playoffs and a shot at the Division II national championship.

"It's great to win a conference championship but now it's playoff time," Crowe said. "Now it's when the big boys come to play. This is what you live for right now."

The University of Minnesota-Duluth is the first team that stands in front of the Bearcats on the road to Florence, Ala.

Duluth will bring an 11-0 mark into Rickenbacker Stadium Saturday and an experienced offense.

Quarterback Ricky Fritz leads the Bulldogs, who are ranked third in the nation in scoring. The Bulldogs have won their last nine games by more than three touchdowns each.

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For more coverage of Division II playoffs, see The Missourian's special Playoff Preview section.

Sorority sponsors silent walk to raise violence awareness

By SARA SLEYSER
MANAGING EDITOR

"You can't always control what happens to you, but you can control your reaction."

That was the philosophy Gene and Peggy Schmidt reared their daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer, to live by.

On July 1, 1993, the Schmidts had to test their own strength when their daughter Stephanie was raped and murdered by a co-worker.

For the past nine years, the Schmidts have been traveling around the country in an effort to inform Americans of the Stephanie Schmidt Foundation, a non-profit organization promoting personal safety and awareness of sex offenders.

Wednesday night they attended Sigma Sigma Sigma's Eighth Annual Speak Out for Stephanie Silent Walk.

"We're trying to change laws, change attitudes and save lives," Gene Schmidt said in a presentation encouraging student awareness.



PHOTO BY JAKE ALBANEZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sigma Sigma Sigma members join together after Wednesday's silent walk around campus.

As pictures of Stephanie flashed across a screen, her mother told stories about her daughter and the last conversation they shared.

"We always ended our conversation with 'I love you and I'll talk to you later' and I'm so thankful we got to say those words," Peggy Schmidt said.

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City, community members discuss airport renovations

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

About 40 members of the public met with city officials to discuss Maryville Memorial Airport renovations at a luncheon meeting Wednesday.

City Manager Matt Chesnut said he was pleased with the turnout.

"I think it (the turnout) was better than I originally expected," he said. "Sometimes to get people to come out and talk about items (such as the airport) that aren't actually well known throughout the community and its kind of a new concept, a new plan that we're presenting, sometimes you don't always get the best turnout."

Many business representatives, members of the Airport Board, City Council members and representatives from the Missouri Department of Transportation attended the luncheon meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Thompson said discussion regarding airport renovations began when Council members Bryan Twaddle and Brad Lager suggested the need for some minor im-

provements.

"Then we thought maybe we need to get out of the box on this," Thompson said.

Bob Dickens, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association regional representative, explained the concept of general aviation and its impact on a small community like Maryville.

Dickens said the perception of airports is that they are a tax drain, but in fact, airports can sustain a local economy. For every dollar generated from the airport another \$2.60 trickles into the economy by pilots and passengers spending their money on meals and lodging, he said.

The future of aviation only looks to improve, Dickens said. After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the aviation industry experienced an increase in people obtaining pilot licenses and an increase in charter flights.

"What this tells me is we're going to continue to fly," he said.

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University expects more budget cuts

By KARA SWINK
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Northwest's Finance and Support Services is predicting more state withholdings toward higher education in January, which could lead to higher tuition and credit surcharges for next fall and in the years ahead.

The office has been planning for the possibility of potential cuts all year by being prudent with the University expenditures.

In the last 10 years, the University's tuition has increased on an average of 8 percent per year and will probably continue for the next few years, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance.

"We are beginning to hear rumors that this is going to happen by the state," Courter said. "The new legislature that's been elected will just be getting underway the first of the year, which I believe is when we might hear what the cuts are."

Although budget cuts are only a projection and the possibility of budget cuts could change, the University's

prediction comes from data tabulated by the state concerning the economic outlook.

The data allows the University and other institutions to judge whether the year will be optimistic, pessimistic or neutral when looking ahead at the state's ability to help support higher education with appropriation dollars, Courter said.

The University also has to keep in mind whether budget cuts would be cut equally in higher education or different than other agencies.

"Last year we (higher education) were cut differently," he said. "We were cut 40 percent, which was pretty significant for higher education. Will that be the same this year? I hope not, because it would be a very difficult situation for us if it were to repeat that. But as of right now we are just guessing."

Provost Taylor Barnes said the Cabinet has been keeping a close eye

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Smokeout encourages healthy lifestyle changes

By MARLISA RARRILLO
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For a single day, abandoned ashtrays and barren smoker's benches set the scene of a cigarette-free world. Many smokers across the country will take the opportunity to test the waters of quitting, by choosing not to light up for 24 hours during the 28th annual Great American Smokeout.

Since 1976, the American Cancer Society has promoted the annual event. On Nov. 21, those who want to quit have several services and organizations providing information on how to quit, one-on-one or group counseling, as well as handing out free quit kits.

Area health services have several activities planned to encourage smokers who wish to quit. St. Francis Hospital staff will talk to current patients about the benefits of quitting.

The hospital will also present a Tobacco Cessation Program, which is a five-week, nine-session support group targeted at educating and counseling smokers as they attempt to quit. The next program offering is Jan. 6.

Teri Harr, health education coordinator at St. Francis Hospital, said the Great American Smokeout is extremely beneficial by focusing attention on the opportunity to stop.

Harr also takes part in the annual event with her involvement in

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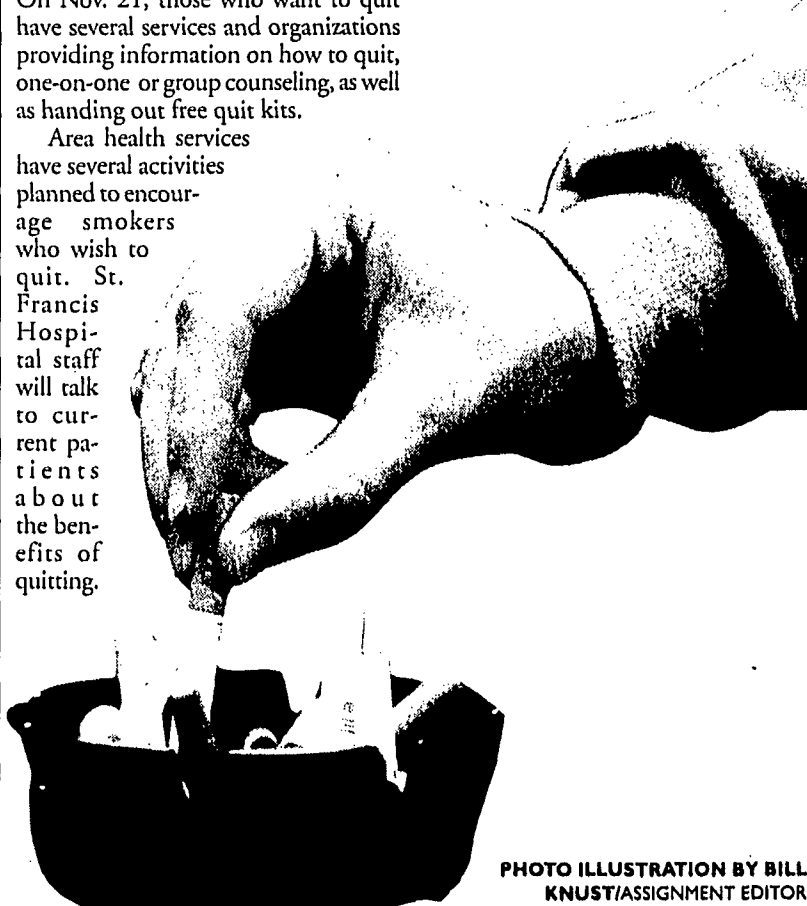


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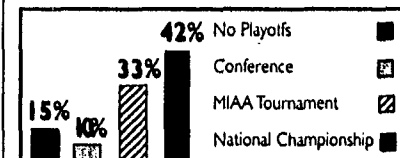
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What do you think of Student Senate?

Students explore geography

By SHANNON POLASKI
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Geography students and faculty presented America's Backyard-Exploring your Public Land, for Geography Awareness Week, giving students a chance to learn more about the world.

During the week the department sponsored activities such as geography trivia quizzes and a job fair.

Patricia Drews, assistant professor of science, said Geography Awareness Week is a great opportunity to show students interesting facts about the world.

"It is an opportunity to emphasize the importance of geography in our complex world and explain what geographers do," Drews said. "It gives our students an opportunity to share their love of the discipline of geography with those who do not know the diversity of problems that geographers do."

Leah Manos, assistant professor of geology, was involved with coordinating the activities.

Geography students traveled to Eugene Field Elementary School Wednesday to explain to fourth-graders what geography means. Students learned about what geog-



Chris Pelham, biology major, talks with Virginia Pennington and Northwest Alumni Gina Bennett, center, who are from Kansas City Power and Light. The Geography Fair allowed for both students and businesses to meet with each other and discuss career opportunities.

raphers do and played Geography Jeopardy to learn more about the environment.

Manos said Northwest students have always found the event to be a satisfying way to share enthusiasm for geography with the rest of the University and the community.

Manos thinks it is important to expand students' knowledge of geography during the week so students learn about various places

and the people who live there.

"It is a lot more than memorizing rivers and state capitals," Manos said.

Manos said geography is a major that exposes students to a broad field of study, which promotes critical thinking skills.

Gregory Haddock, chair of the geography and geology department, said he thinks it is important for students to understand ge-

ography.

Haddock said the field of geography studies the interactions of humans, their culture and their natural environment, and that professional geographers are concerned with the spatial behavior of human and natural systems, not memorizing place locations.

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Faculty plans receptions to honor staff employees

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This week, Northwest will bid farewell to two 25-year members of the University staff as they leave to pursue other paths.

Tom Kennedy, media production specialist, has been working for the University since 1978. A member of the PT3 project team in the Department of Human Resources and Education, Kennedy said his favorite part of the job was getting to work with the students at Horace Mann Lab School.

"I think the most rewarding thing that I've experienced is working with people and providing them with something that they couldn't themselves create," he said. "...Many of them have very little if any experience working with a computer and the things that may seem basic to someone who's worked with a computer are kind of a mystery to them."

Kennedy's colleague, Jim Fletcher, PT3 project director, was quick to praise his dedication to his job.

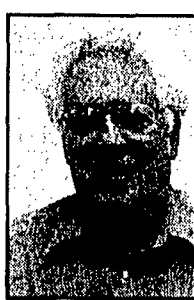
"He works hard at things and we've been able to ask him to do some things, essentially give him some assignments that we had no idea how they would come out, whether they would be easy or difficult, and he's taken them on and worked at them and worked at them," Fletcher said.

Another of Kennedy's colleagues, Leslie Chandler, PT3 technical assistant, pointed out his shy and humble tendencies.

"He's super nice," she said. "He's very quiet and he doesn't toot his own horn a lot. Just to talk to him, you wouldn't know that he knows as much as he does about computers, but he has a really extensive knowledge of a lot of programs, and he is very smart."

Chandler also said Kennedy was always willing to help someone out with a problem.

"If something comes up and I have a question, sometimes he knows about it, or if he doesn't, he's really good about finding out answers and that kind of thing," she said. "And like I said, because he's a quiet guy, you don't always realize until you ask him all he knows about something, and then you're just thinking, 'Wow!'"



TOM KENNEDY
MEDIA PRODUCTION SPECIALIST

Paulette Byland, encumbrance clerk in the Accounts Payable Office, is going to be missed just as much as Kennedy by her own co-workers, especially by Mary Beth Alsop, supervisor of encumbrance and invoicing in the Accounts Payable Office.

"We have all been in here," Alsop said. "We have been here for almost 25 years and consequently have gotten a very good working routine down and a friendship going down also. So it's going to be really difficult to try and go on and figure out how to make things run smoothly and also our visiting that we get to do. It's going to be a change, but a change for the better for Paulette, I'm sure... We're a little bit sad in here, but she's already promised she's going to come back and visit, so we might make it."

Byland is definitely ready for the change, but said she has mixed feelings about leaving.

"For me, I feel like we're a family, and that's why it's so difficult," Byland said. "The people are great here. For me, the people are the tops."

In spite of Byland's quarter century at Northwest, she said she had only taken the job originally to help out with her family's income after her husband had a heart attack.

"I started here not dreaming that my kids would graduate from here, my son and my daughter, and I would be here almost 25 years," she said. "But it's been a good thing. I've learned a lot here."

Byland plans to do a bit of sewing and alterations after she retires, as well as picking up a few hours doing administrative work in an office.

"But not a whole lot of hours because I'm ready for something different," she said.

Byland is also ready to be a full-time grandmother to her grandchildren in Kansas City, Mo.

"When my grandchildren need me, I'll be available quickly," she said. "That's one of the main reasons, because I have a daughter in Kansas City and Sydney (my granddaughter) is 2 months, and she sometimes needs her Nana."

A reception for Byland was Wednesday and a reception for Kennedy will be from 10:30-11 a.m. today in the library staff lounge.



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Department seeks potential elementary education majors

By KARA SWINK
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Since the College of Education raised the required testing scores and admissions standards under the 2002 - 2004 catalogs, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction is taking action to showcase Northwest to prospective students.

The department sent out more than 200 letters to students who made contact with the University's education department to inform them of upcoming events. Quickly thereafter, the department sent out postcards about Exploring Education Day, an event to give students a chance to see Northwest at work.

"We are trying to focus on those students who show potential," said Nancy Riley, chair of the department of curriculum and instruction. "We would like to be able to get the best and the brightest. We want those people who are going to be the best candidates."

Exploring Education Day will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday at Horace Mann. The

event will allow students to take tours of the lab school and Northwest, sit in on panel discussions and breakout sessions focusing on Financial Aid, Career Services, Admissions and faculty.

"We are just really interested in trying to be a little bit more proactive in letting the whole world know more about what our program is like," Riley said. "We think that we have a really good program. If students have the opportunity to hear about it and see it in action they will agree."

The department thinks the event will benefit prospective students because they will get a feel for the program, Riley said.

"A day like this will really make an impression on students," Riley said. "We are willing to take an hour and sit down with them and describe the program, to answer questions, visit with the parents and make a connection."

Riley said students who choose Northwest are fortunate because lab schools are an important aspect

to students considering the education field.

"There was a time a few years ago when education was really strapped for money and a lot of universities closed their lab schools because they are expensive to operate, but we didn't," she said. "Lab schools provide field experiences and we just felt like we had to have the lab school to provide the experience for students. Now when students come to campus and see our program and the opportunities in the classroom, they are just really impressed by what goes on."

During the day, Northwest alumni and current students will speak about their experience at Northwest. Alumni will also discuss current careers in the education field.

Kevin Easley, ambassador for the College of Education and Human Services, was approached by Riley to speak about his experience with the lab school.

"I think this is a great idea," Easley said. "When I first came to

Northwest and was looking into education I learned that there aren't a lot of guys who go into elementary education. There was this guy who helped me realize what I could do and where it could take me."

Easley said the event will provide students with information about elementary education, which will prepare them for the years ahead.

"The information that they gain will help them realize if this is what they want to do or not," Easley said. "Teachers aren't the highest paid, so they have to make sure it's what they want to do when they get into it."

Riley said students like Easley will make reliable salespeople because of their satisfaction with the program.

The department estimates at least 20 students to attend the event to see what Northwest could offer, Riley said.

"I would like students to see that we have a quality program," she said.

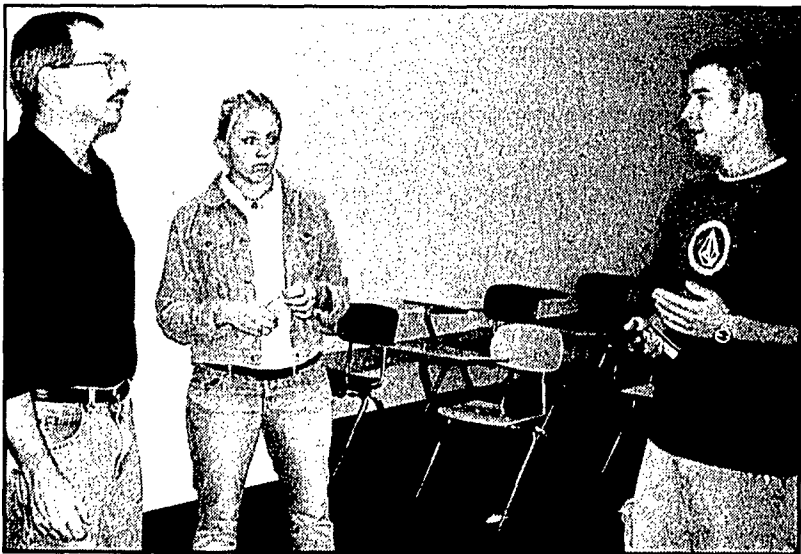


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Current Student Ambassador Jamie Buchmeier explains to Megan Findley and her father, Andy, what she can expect from Northwest. Newly recruited ambassadors will begin tours in the spring.

Outgoing personalities pay off for new Student Ambassadors

By JESSICA TASLER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

This spring 19 additions to Student Ambassadors will be providing tours and promoting the University to prospective students.

Nearly 90 students applied to become ambassadors with only 19 making the final cut. The new ambassadors will join the 13 current ambassadors for the spring semester. The new Student Ambassadors will assist the Admissions Office in student recruitment by conducting tours and assisting during University activities such as freshman orientation, Family Day and Sneak Preview. Students must have at least a 2.7 grade point average to apply.

Applicants were given preliminary interviews by a panel of six current Northwest ambassadors several weeks ago. Final interviews were given by Jeremy Waldeier, associate director of admissions, and Bev Schenkel, dean of enrollment management.

"The application process was kind of competitive," said sophomore Nathan Rivera, IDM major. "You really just had to go in and give it your best and be yourself. You hope they like what they see."

Following the final interviews, new ambassadors were notified of their position by e-mail Friday morning.

"I was nervous because I did not even make it to the final interviews last year, but I made it this year," said Taylor Tholen, sophomore family and consumer science education ma-

jor.

There were several qualities that caused those who were selected to stand out, Waldeier said.

"We look at GPA, of course, and their involvement with campus activities," Waldeier said. "We look for outgoing personalities."

Waldeier also said those who apply must have at least three remaining semesters at Northwest. Those who were selected will act as an ambassador until they graduate.

Karri Martin, junior English and political science major, was among those chosen. Martin applied so she could have the opportunity to show prospective students what Northwest is like.

"I wanted the job to give the

tours," she said. "I am really excited to give the tours to the incoming freshmen and the transfer students."

Rivera agreed that it seemed like it would be a fun job to convince others to attend Northwest.

"I think this is a really great school and I'd like to share my knowledge with people who are thinking of coming here," he said.

Tholen recalled how his tour helped him decide on Northwest.

"I remember how personal my tour was," he said. "I want to be able to share what I know and like about Northwest with other students. I can't wait to start."

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Specialty store brings holidays home

By JILL MUEGGE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Brightly lit Christmas trees, seasonal decorations and baking mixes line the walls in fantastic displays, and the aroma of various candles and potpourri fills the air of Maryville's newest addition.

Located at 2121 South Main St., Farmhouse Living is a specialty gift store full of Christmas trees, decorations, cookie cutters, candles, cookie mixes and much more.

Next door to Farmhouse Living will soon be Red Rooster Café and Bakery, opening in March. The store will feature specialty soups, salads, muffins and desserts. Plans for a full-service party room are also in the making. The room will cater to wedding receptions, reunions and other activities.

Farmhouse Living and Red Rooster Café and Bakery are branches

of the Mustard Seed Companies, owned and operated by a family with local roots.

Originally from Maitland, Mike Marion, his wife Kris, and his parents, Pam and Jon, all help run the businesses. The central business is currently housed in Council Bluffs, Iowa, with various branches in Council Bluffs, Springfield and now Maryville.

Jessie Smock of Maryville is in charge of running the Maryville Farmhouse Living. When the restaurant opens she will take on that responsibility and the gift store will be passed to someone else. She said she thinks Maryville is a great town for the businesses.

"Maryville didn't have any place downtown where you could get last minute gifts," she said. "There wasn't anywhere you could go to pick one up that had a lot of variety."

Farmhouse Living makes many of

the products sold in the store including Old Glory Candles, homemade potpourri and mixes for cookies, soups, muffins, ciders and more.

Pam Marion is in charge of the wholesale portion of the business and said products such as cookie mixes have been purchased in high quantity by companies including Bed, Bath and Beyond and Costco Wholesale.

"Our cookie mixes sell like wild," she said.

One line of mixes named Three Generations features pictures of Marion's mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, all from Skidmore.

The Marions do a lot of traveling with their business to various shows and markets in cities such as Chicago, Atlanta and Dallas. Many of them are order-taking shows, where customers can browse merchandise and place orders. Shows in June and July feature items for the coming holiday season,

while winter shows feature spring and summer products.

"It's a lot of traveling, but it's fun," Marion said. "You get to know the people at the shows, and you can get some new ideas."

Along with selling and socializing, shows are a time of pride for the Mustard Seed Companies. Many shows feature competitions for best booth and best display. Mustard Seed Companies have won numerous best-of-show awards.

"If there's one thing we know how to do, it's display well," Marion said.

Evidence of this is seen in Farmhouse Living. Much of the merchandise is packed into a small space, but displayed expertly.

"When people come in here we want them to have a cozy feeling," Marion said. "It's a great store for all ages and we're very excited to be here."



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE AHRENS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville citizens Vera Williams and Irene Renshaw carefully browse through Christmas merchandise at Maryville's newest business, Farmhouse Living. Before Farmhouse Living, Cabin Candles occupied the building.

Local couple's love for aviation flies high

By JANELLE DAVID
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Amelia Earhart said, "You haven't seen a tree, until you see its shadow from the sky."

For many, flying is an exhilarating experience accompanied with getting from here to there. However, for others it may be a hobby, sport or even a lifestyle.

Nodaway County is home to many modest establishments. Among these, is the Rankin Airport located in the Southeast corner of Maryville on Jet Road. It was constructed in 1940 as the city of Maryville's municipal airport, but was closed after the opening of the current municipal airport on the west side of town.

Husband and wife, Joe and Jo Rankin, purchased and re-opened the airport in 1973 after nearly a decade of managing the city's municipal airport.

"My husband has flown since he was 14 and he worked at an airport when he was a kid," Jo Rankin said. "After he returned from three years of military service, he began crop dusting. The airport didn't have a manager so the city asked us to take over and we did."

Today, the Rankin Airport consists of an office, the upper level which has been adapted to become the family's living quarters, a maintenance shop, several hangars which house airplanes and the runway which extends 3,000 feet. The Rankin Airport is privately

owned, yet open for public use.

Along with supervising arrivals and departures, as well as performing occasional plane repairs, the Rankins have contributed significantly to the field of pilot training. Welcoming students from 7 to 70 years of age, anyone is capable of receiving lessons which cost approximately \$3,000 for the complete package. This includes all expenses, from the medical examination, the completion of ground school and the variable hours in flight to the written, oral and flight tests, all of which is required by the Federal Aviation Administration, to obtain a pilot license.

"Due to the confusion of having the same names, our students often refer to us as Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jo," said Jo Rankin.

Jo has taught aviation ground school classes since 1968 and currently instructs at Northwest's McKinney Building on Tuesdays. Joe has been a pilot examiner for private, commercial and instrument pilot licenses.

The Rankin couple shares in the love of teaching others to fly.

"I enjoy watching the students learn to fly because it is such a fascinating and unique experience to get



FILE PHOTO
A love of flying shared by Maryville husband and wife Joe and Jo Rankin led to the opening of Rankin Airport southeast of city limits. The Rankins purchased and re-opened the former municipal airport in 1973.

up there and look down," Jo said.

The Rankins appreciate all the steps introduced to beginners.

"There's a lot of gratification that comes from seeing an individual that could hardly open the door of the plane learn to fly by themselves," said Jo Rankin.

Many of their former students have sought interesting occupations with their flight education. Among these are a Blue Angel's Pilot, a chief pilot for a paper company in Minnesota, three airline pilots and an Air Force pilot who served as a pilot for former President Ronald Reagan during a portion of his term.

The wonder of it all, the couple said, is the love and dedication for

flying and teaching which envelops the Rankin Airport. After raising their children, Kevin, Jay and Marcha, within the upstairs of the airport's office, many of them went on to pursue a similar lifestyle. Sons Kevin and Jay both attained their pilot licenses. Kevin now runs Maryville's municipal airport, while his children, Devin and Bradley have each taken flying lessons. Marcha (Rankin) Anderson also teaches seventh grade in Savannah.

Airplane rides can also be arranged for up to four passengers at a cost which depends only on the meter, at \$60 per hour or \$1 per minute, said Jo Rankin.

The Rankin family gladly welcomes any visitors, not only to take lessons or fly their crafts, but to view their "wonderful" airport.

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Unknown Wonders of Nodaway County

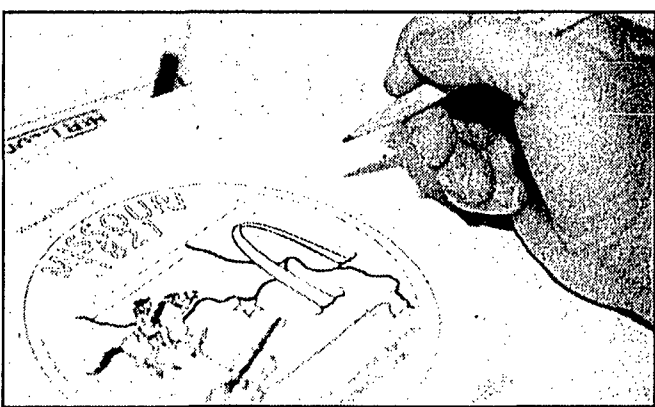


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Despite having been changed by the U.S. Mint, Mary Beth Logsdon's design for the Missouri State quarter remains among the finalists. Designs will be chosen by an online vote.

Local art teacher's design ranks among finalists in state quarter contest

STEPHANIE SUCKOW
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One Maryville resident has the opportunity to be minted into history with her design for the Missouri state quarter.

After a two-year process, the Missouri state quarter design will be finalized at noon Friday. Five quarter designs out of 3,000 entries have been selected as finalists.

Mary Beth Logsdon, art instructor at Eugene Field Elementary School, is one of the design finalists.

"A packet was sent to our school instructing the children to think up a design

for the quarter," Logsdon said. "I had some ideas so I decided to enter one of my own."

The design that Logsdon entered contained three elements: the Pony Express for St. Joseph, the arch for St. Louis, and a fiddle for Branson. Missouri's first lady, Lori Houser Holden, selected this design to be in the Top 12 finalists. An online voting process then moved the design into the Top 5, Logsdon said.

These five were then sent to the U.S. mint engravers who used the ideas of the designs to create drawings that would work on the quarter. The Citizens Commemorative Coin Advi-

sory Committee and the U.S. Fine Arts Commission then reviewed the designs.

The Secretary of the Treasury gave his approval on the designs and sent them back to Missouri for the final deciding process.

"After my design came back from the minting process, it was completely different," she said. "I was disappointed, the only part they decided to keep was the Pony Express."

Although only part of Logsdon's design will be seen, she is still content with the fact that it is in the final process.

"I don't think there is any type of reward or anything for the winner," Logsdon said.

"It will just be nice to know that I was a part of that final design."

Missouri's quarter will be released into circulation in summer 2003 as the 24th quarter, just as Missouri was the 24th to become a state.

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BASKIN ROBBINS

The Fire This Time War against drugs wastes big money

By now we've all seen the new drug commercial: two teens smoke obscene amounts of marijuana at a party, giggling obnoxiously, and then the defenseless all-American girl begins to pass out, so the boy immediately starts to unbutton her shirt, whispering "shhh, shut up" as "harmless?" appears across the screen.

The implication of course is that marijuana causes rape, which ironically bears a striking resemblance to the view of marijuana proffered by the infamous 1930s propaganda film "Reefer Madness," in which normal teens become sex-crazed psychotic criminals after smoking marijuana.

It doesn't matter that crime is dramatically lower in countries that have decriminalized soft drugs like marijuana; Partnership for a Drug Free America, the source of the commercials, has spent billions on corporate-funded advertisements like that one, none of which mention legal drugs like tobacco and alcohol that kill far more Americans every year than all illegal drugs combined.

But the circular irony of the commercial is fitting for the so-called War on Drugs, which is really a euphemism for a \$600 per second, taxpayer-funded war on the poor, the terminally ill, minorities and non-corporately manufactured drugs.

As I've pointed out in the past, the Drug War has been an utter failure in terms of actually stopping drug traffic and use, yet the billions and the ironies continue to flow.

In Florida this September, Noelle Bush, daughter of Gov. Jeb Bush, was caught with crack cocaine at a drug rehab center. Of course, Noelle Bush is just one of millions of Americans who suffer from drug addiction and need help; the irony is that her father worked to make it harder for people like her to get help by cutting the budgets of drug treatment facilities. He also opposes a ballot initiative that would send about 10,000 nonviolent offenders like his own daughter to treatment centers instead of prison.

If Noelle Bush were poor and black, she'd likely be sent to prison. Although African Americans make up only 13 percent of drug users in this country, they make up 75 percent of people sent to jail for drug possession.

Luckily for Noelle Bush, she comes from one of the richest and most prestigious families in the nation, so although she's repeatedly violated court order, she'll be sure to receive the best treatment available instead of a long jail term.

Let's imagine a scenario in which Noelle Bush was treated like the Bush family treats the average nonviolent drug offender.

If that happened, she would likely serve a lengthy prison sentence as a convicted felon; she would not be allowed to vote for her father or her uncle in the next election; and Jeb Bush and his family would be evicted from the governor's mansion.

We know that won't happen, but maybe the government will do something else with Noelle Bush's situation. Maybe, for instance, uncle George will put her in his multimillion dollar ads (that you and I pay for) about drugs and terrorism.

She can say something like "Today I helped torture a family in Columbia," as some of the other ads have. And maybe the commercial can also feature George W. Bush and former President Bill Clinton, both of whom used drugs and increased Drug War spending (including to, among others, the Taliban and Columbia, respectively), doing drugs together at a party and saying, "We killed innocent children today."

But wait, I think we should take Noelle Bush out of the ad since she is in need of actual treatment, not humiliation and a prison cell next to violent criminals.

Instead, maybe Attorney General John Ashcroft can ask the paraplegic Drug Enforcement Agency arrested during his last raid on terminally ill patients to be in the commercial. The camera shot can show a segment of the campaign speech in which George W. Bush said that medical marijuana is a states' rights issue. Then it can show Ashcroft destroying yet another legal clinic and the handcuffed, dying paraplegic can say, "Today, while I was smoking marijuana so I don't starve to death, I helped kill a father of four," or something along those lines.

Or maybe—and this may be the best idea of all—maybe we should stop spending millions of dollars on advertisements that don't work, like the \$929 million in taxpayer money spent, as of June, on a five-year program directed at kids that even the drug czar admitted isn't working.

If nothing else, I guess we can just start showing "Reefer Madness" to kids again—the message is just as insane and it's a hell of a lot cheaper.

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Letter to the Editor

Iowa father commends Bearcats

I am writing you from Ames, Iowa, a day after the exhibition game between the women's squads from Northwest and Iowa State. As a part of the approximate 7,200 screaming Iowa State fans, a long-time season ticket holder for Iowa State, and the father of a Northwest player, I share these observations. The Lady Bearcats have great character. Despite playing their first game against a Top 25 Division I opponent, being without two regular starters and playing in one of the toughest places in the country, they never flinched. The words that come to mind that describe the character of this squad include proud, tenacious, competitive and resilient. Wisdom suggests that attitude in life is what really counts. The Lady Bearcats demonstrated a great attitude. Go Bearcats!

MILES MORROW
AMES, IOWA

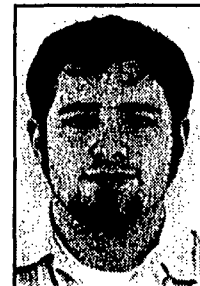
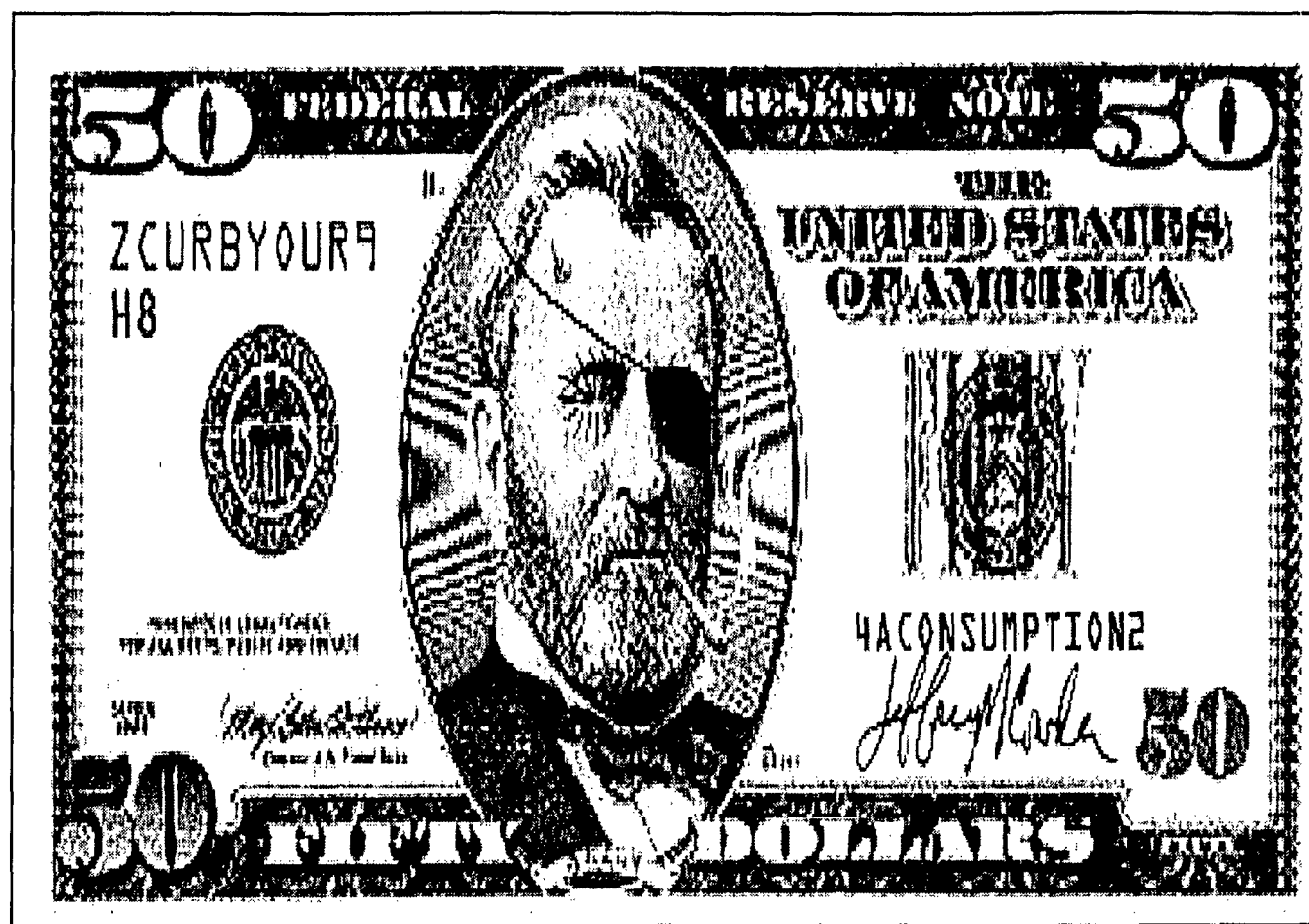
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JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Our View

Smoking stinks

Smokers aware of smoking dangers need to be considerate of own, other people's health

Most smokers know exactly what they are doing to themselves. The effects of smoking are widely known. It causes lung cancer, emphysema, heart disease, impotence in males and reduced fertility in women. It also smells bad, causes teeth to yellow and skin to wrinkle. Not to mention the obscene amount of money some people spend and the feeling of weakness caused by being controlled by a small stick of tobacco. But smokers are voluntarily doing this to their bodies.

Nicotine is addictive. It's a fact and smokers struggle with addiction. And although smoking is a serious problem, it is a problem that is forced on everyone, not just smokers.

The effects of secondhand smoke have been studied extensively and the results are disheartening. People exposed to secondhand smoke are subjected to all of the same health risks as smokers. In fact, smoke from the end of a burning cigarette contains smaller particles which go deeper into lung tissue and cause more damage than inhaled smoke.

Of the more than 4,000 chemicals found in secondhand smoke, 200 of them are poisons and 43 cause cancer. Simply breathing around someone who is smoking is harmful.

The effects of secondhand smoke are even worse for children. Children's lungs, especially babies, are still developing and therefore easily susceptible to damage. Children growing up in a home with a smoker increases their chance of developing respiratory problems and asthma. It also weakens a child's immune system and can cause pneumonia, ear infections, bronchitis, coughing and wheezing. In addition, pregnant women breathing secondhand smoke put their unborn babies at risk. Pregnant women who are regularly exposed to secondhand smoke give birth to babies who are often smaller and have more serious health problems.

Secondhand smoke has also been linked to sudden infant death syndrome.

Knowing what smoking can do to a non-smoker, it is not only inconsiderate to smoke, but dangerous for not just the smoker, but everyone around him.

Next time you light up a cigarette, don't just think about how it will cause that cough of yours to become worse, or your skin to wrinkle prematurely or the fact that you may have to breathe through tubes in your nose one day. Think about what you are doing to the little girl sitting one table over in the restaurant. Or the old lady walking past you in the park. Or your roommate who has to breathe your smoke every day.

Today is the Great American Smokeout. The purpose of the event is to get smokers to put down the cigarettes, if not for a lifetime, than for one day. Quitting is possible and not smoking for one day proves it.

Letters to the Editor

Football player's parents support family's Bearcat Sweetheart

In June 2001, our son, Geromy Scaggs, accepted a scholarship to play football for the Bearcats. Although we had hoped he would accept a scholarship closer to home so we could attend his games, we supported his decision. A few months later, we received a letter from a young lady who said that she was our Bearcat Sweetheart and would provide us information about our son and the games. My wife and I were taken aback by this wonderful gesture and she quickly established a lifeline for us here in Montana. We received every article about every game with our son's name highlighted. We also received personal letters re-capping events and informing us of future ones. Thanks to her, we were even able to surprise him at the Homecoming game by wearing the Bearcat T-shirts she had mailed to us.

We now know more about this wonder-

ful tradition and our Sweetheart who has gone the extra mile to accommodate these Montanans. She became an excellent ambassador for northwest Missouri. No University individual contacted us other than our Sweetheart. She made an exceptional first impression for Northwest. After five years, our Sweetheart, Jamasa Kramer, defines the position. We believe your entire University should applaud her.

Instead, she was recently terminated without so much as basic due process from the Sweetheart organization. The offense? Having a beer with parents outside of Arrowhead Stadium. For this event, Jamasa had purchased her own ticket, was not wearing Bearcat apparel, and, in short, was not serving in her Sweetheart capacity. She sat with us for a portion of the game, exhibiting her warm and friendly demeanor, with absolutely

no indication of having had alcohol.

The committee overseeing this gross breach of justice has misinterpreted the regulations to serve their own agenda. We can assure you that examples have been made ... one by Jamasa, who at 23 years of age, has admirably performed as an ambassador to Northwest ... the other by the spineless committee that believes secret meetings and equally secretive messengers who leave hidden letters of termination on co-ed doors represent the moral elite of northwest Missouri.

We are intolerant, as you should be, of those, who with a small amount of power choose to ignore track records of success in order to feed their pathetic egos, all to the detriment of the University.

GORDON AND SUSAN SCAGGS
MISSOULA, MONT.

Bearcat Sweetheart's family disapproves of current leadership authority

One of the first organizations my daughter joined at Northwest more than three years ago was Bearcat Sweethearts. It was a decision she made that pleased both myself and my wife. I have been a huge Bearcat football fan and having my daughter involved with the Sweethearts was great.

In the last couple of weeks I have been concerned about what I've heard about the organization from people involved in it. I have to agree with Ms. Rodgers and her letter to the editor. It is a shame that someone so involved with the organization in the past

who wanted to extend it now feels that it is worthless and not worth the effort put forth by the girls or herself.

The Bearcat Sweetheart Association is in need of change in its leadership. No amount of excuses from their sponsor can answer to the callous way in which this matter was handled. No one waits until the most important day of the season to tape a message on a door.

I'm not saying that it is OK for one of the Sweethearts to drink to excess and to make a scene in public. We could all understand

being disciplined for that. But to be of age and consume one or two drinks when not in uniform is not a sin.

My daughter will finish out the year as a Bearcat Sweetheart. My wife and I have always taught our children to finish what they start and she will do that. We are very proud of her. And we are very disappointed with the leadership within the Bearcat Sweetheart organization. It's time that the leadership stepped down.

JOHN SMITH
TABOR, IOWA

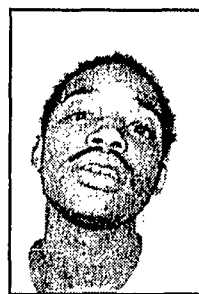
Your View

What should the proposed downtown mural depict?



"I think the mural should be something that celebrates diversity."

Chris Mashburn
IDM/BUSINESS MAJOR



"The mural should be of celebration and art."

Don Dale
MARYVILLE RESIDENT



"Well, I kind of like it the way it is so I don't think we need a mural."

Lindsey Howell
ADVERTISING MAJOR



"I don't care, I'm leaving in a semester."

Sage Kimbrough
THEATER PERFORMANCE MAJOR



"I think there should be a mural of the Twin Towers in remembrance of Sept. 11."

Dan Neustadter
ADVERTISING MAJOR



"It really doesn't matter to me what they put on the wall."

Joel Johnson
PSYCHOLOGY SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Letter to the Editor

Student questions media

Media democracy is a term I am sure few people are familiar with. It is hard to comprehend something that few of us have ever experienced, but - considering the amount of media consumed by the average person daily - I think it deserves some attention. Media democracy is a campaign that deals with the powerful few speaking for the many, with limited access and diversity. The complacency of the masses has allowed the media in general to dictate and prescribe the knowledge of the average citizen with carefully selected non-progressive rhetoric, while messages from groups believed to be radical or unconventional are often marginalized. While this is not necessarily the case with our own student paper, which openly accepts the thoughts and ideas of its readers, it is the responsibility of every member of society to contribute to and regain control of this powerful outlet that seems to be pacifying the entire world at the corporate level. So I would like to challenge The Missourian to publish its last edition before Thanksgiving break ad free, in support of Buy Nothing Day Nov. 29. Most papers receive about 75 percent of their operating revenue from ad sales, so an ad-free paper would be an impressive achievement.

JEFFERY COWDEN
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES MAJOR

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Calendar of Events

Thu. 21st ■ Wind Symphony/Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center
 ■ Geography Awareness Week
 ■ Great American Smokeout
 ■ Wings Support Group, 11:30 a.m., Children and Family Center
 ■ Focus on Kids Program for Divorcing Parents, 4 p.m., 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room
 ■ "Our Story: Living with Diabetes," 6 p.m., Union Ballroom
 ■ Faculty retirement reception, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Library staff lounge

Sun. 24th ■ Tower Choir/University Chorale Concert, 3 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Mon. 25th ■ Student payday
 ■ IM 3 - on - 3 basketball, entries close at noon
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church
 ■ Breast Cancer Support Group, TIME, First Christian Church, Room 106

Fri. 22nd ■ Geography Awareness Week
 ■ Exploring Education Day, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Horace Mann Lab School
 ■ Friday Night Café, 5-6:30 p.m., third floor Administration Building
 ■ Cub Scout Pack 75 Chili Supper, 5:30-7 p.m., First United Methodist Church
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Conception Abbey

Tues. 26th ■ Wings Support Group, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Children and Family Center
 ■ Thanksgiving vacation begins at 5 p.m.
 ■ Lion Tamer's Anonymous, 7 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church

Sat. 23rd ■ C-BASE, 8 a.m., third floor
 Colden Hall
 ■ PRAXIS, 8 a.m., third floor Colden Hall
 ■ Missouri Academy Preview Day, noon - 5 p.m., Union Ballroom
 ■ Card Party for Singles, 7 p.m., Hope Lutheran Church
 ■ Ronald White Benefit, 4 p.m., Hopkins Community Building

Wed. 27th ■ Thanksgiving vacation, no classes
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Margaret Davison Square

Thurs. 28th ■ Thanksgiving, no classes
 ■ Thanksgiving vacation, no classes

News in Brief

Data collection expert speaks on campus

Victoria Bernhardt, one of the nation's leading consultants on data collection in education and school portfolios, recently spoke to area educators. Her presentations played host to in partnership by the Education for the Future Initiative and Southwestern Bell and the Leadership Academy at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

About 35 K-12 administrators, along with nearly 20 Northwest faculty and staff gathered for a day of collaborative work and dialogue.

The collaborative work included linking K-12 achievement data with teacher education candidate data in the northwest Missouri area, making the University the first to do so in the country.

Bernhardt shared her vision that Northwest's College of Education and Human Services' database could interface with a database of information from area K-12 schools, allowing schools better access to data for decision making and allowing Northwest the opportunity to gather information on teacher performances in the field.

One of the policy-making committees Bernhardt met with was TAG, the Teacher Education Student Services Advisory Group. TAG has worked closely with the Provost's Office over the past year to begin developing a database that would help the Teacher Education Unit keep comprehensive records on students, allowing better information for advising and early intervention for at-risk students.

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PHOTO BY ALLIE ZAROO/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
 Sue Smith holds her children, Benjamin and Sara, both 5, after Horace Mann's Thanksgiving dinner at the Conference Center Thursday.

Northwest football team enters postseason playoffs

Northwest is gearing up for the NCAA Division II football postseason and hopes to play host to at least two games.

The first round is set for Saturday, the second round for Nov. 30 and the third round for Dec. 7. The national championship game will be played Dec. 14 in Florence, Ala.

Kickoff will be at noon for home games.

Season ticket holder seats not sold are available to the general public. Times to purchase tickets for the second game will alter slightly due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no complimentary admission.

Ticket prices for all three rounds are \$12 for east side reserved seats, \$7 for general admission and \$5 for student general admission. Tickets will be available on the Web at www.nwmissouri.edu and at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building and must be purchased with cash, check or credit card, not charged to a University account.

To order tickets by telephone, call 562-1212. All phone orders must be paid for by credit card and must be picked up in person.

For road games, ticket policies for each school will vary. For information regarding fan travel packages, call 562-1212.

For more information, call Chris Andrews, director of athletics marketing at 562-1581.

Northwest Tower Choir presents free fall concert

The Northwest Tower Choir and University Chorale will present their free fall concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Performing Arts Center.

Featured music will include choral literature in several languages and styles from classical to popular music.

"We love to make music, we love to sing and we love to perform," said Stephen Town, professor of music. "Conductors know that ensembles reach musical perfection or mastery of the material through repeated performances. We do them to develop our talents and the talents of our students."

Strauch is in her 10th year of teaching at Northwest and is the adviser for the Society of Professional Journalists student chapter and Heartland View Online Magazine. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Missouri State University and her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mass communications professor earns state award

Jody Strauch, assistant professor of mass communication, finished her Ph.D. in instructional technology, earned the Dean's Teaching Award in the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies and has now won the Governor's Teaching Award - all in a matter of months.

The Governor's Teaching Awards will be presented at a Dec. 4 luncheon in Jefferson City. Each college and university in Missouri nominates one teacher to be recognized by the governor each year. Ron DeYoung, dean of the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies, nominated Strauch, who was chosen from the candidates nominated from the colleges of Education and Human Services and Arts and Sciences.

Northwest symphony, orchestra to perform

The Northwest Wind Symphony and Orchestra will team up for a free performance beginning at 8 p.m. today in the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Performing Arts Center.

Al Sergel, assistant professor of music and director of bands, said the concert will mark only the second time the ensembles have entertained together.

Also accompanying the ensembles will be featured pianist Anthony Olson, assistant professor of music. Olson will perform with Wind Symphony members during

Northwest initiates national leadership honor society

The Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, was initiated at Northwest on Nov. 7.

On hand for the ceremony were Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities; John Morgan, executive director of Omicron Delta Kappa from the University of Kentucky; Northwest President Dean Hubbard; Justin Corbett, Northwest's student president of Omicron Delta Kappa; and Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for student affairs.

Twenty-five Northwest students and faculty members will be inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa on Dec. 8.

Afterward, Santa will make his way to the Courthouse for a short ceremony. Later that evening, carriage rides will be given from 5-8 p.m.

Community invited to participate in art show

Maryville community members, group homes, high school students and Northwest students are invited to the Art Show at 1 p.m. Dec. 1, in the Maryville Community Center.

The event will be an interactive event between the community and the mentally disabled group homes in Maryville. The community and the homes will make a variety of crafts from 1-3 p.m. The crafts will be displayed from 3-4 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The Art Show is designed to create interaction between the Maryville community, high school students and Northwest students with the mentally disabled, creating a greater respect and understanding for the population, break down stereotypes and increase willingness for people in the community to associate with the population. Pictures of the event will be taken for an instructional brochure that will be mailed to surrounding schools and group homes.

Local teacher published in national magazine

The Quarterly, a publication of the National Writing Project, recently published "Creative Copying, or in Defense of Mimicry" by Maryville High School language arts instructor Rebecca Dierking.

The article, printed in the Fall 2002 issue of *The Quarterly*, recounts one teacher's experiences teaching creative writing and the research process at Maryville High School.

"While at a professional writing retreat in Idaho this summer, I started thinking about an experience I'd had the previous year where a student hadn't understood the difference between plagiarizing and mimicking," Dierking said. "The article just seemed to develop very quickly from inception."

Dierking, in her third year teaching language arts at Maryville High School, is also a teacher consultant with Prairie Lands Writing Project (PLWP), an affiliate of the National Writing Project.

PWLP is playing host to Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph and sponsors two summer institutes each year, professional development workshops and graduate courses (via affiliation with the Northwest Area Regional Development Center at Northwest).

"I'm very fortunate for the experience," Dierking said. "Prairie Lands has been a wonderful source of information and support for my teaching. This article would not have been possible without membership in the National Writing Project and the fabulous retreat Northwest Inland Writing Project Hosted."

The National Writing Project, supported through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, offers professional development to improve the teaching of writing and education in America's schools via more than 150 locations in the United States.

Arts Fest committee seeks signature art entries

The Maryville Festival of the Arts committee is looking for the 2003 Festival's Signature art.

The 2003 Maryville Festival of the Arts is scheduled for July 26 on the Courthouse Square in downtown Maryville.

"We're looking for the artwork to use on posters, brochures, T-shirts and other items to promote our 2003 event," said Kathryn Rice, co-chairperson of the committee.

The Committee is looking for artwork which is representative of the quality of work at the festival and is reproducible in full color and monochromatic scales. All media is welcome. The original must be available for reproduction purposes and the Maryville Festival of the Arts reserves the right to reproduce the winning submission for purposes of publicity. Submissions may be photo or slide format and must include artist's name, title of work, dimensions of original work, indication of top of work, and a medium self-addressed stamped envelope and telephone number. E-mail address is optional. Postmarked deadline is Dec. 16. Submissions may be mailed to Maryville Festival of the Arts, 107 E. 4th St., Maryville, MO 64468.

The prize awarded will be publicity for the artist, \$50 and complimentary booth space at the 2003 Maryville Festival of the Arts.

"The committee felt that having a signature art work for the 2003 event would help us to promote and generate awareness," Rice said. "There are so many talented artists in this area that we are excited to have an additional venue to promote them."

For more information about the contest or the 2003 Maryville Festival of the Arts, contact Rice or Jeremy Melton at 582-3681.

Santa Claus to visit Hangar in Maryville

Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving, will mark the arrival of Santa Claus to Maryville. Santa will be visiting the Hangar in the afternoon to visit with children. Children are asked to bring a food item for the foot pantry when visiting Santa, and then staying to see "Santa Clause 2." Polaroid pictures will be taken for \$1.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Nov. 11
■ An officer recovered a bicycle from the 700 block of Highland Avenue.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that an individual driving a tractor-trailer struck a light pole at Third and Dunn. The vehicle then left the scene.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone hit a guardrail in the 100 block of South Vine.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken a tailgate from one of his vehicles while it was parked in the 200 block of South Depot.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 2200 block of South Main that a couple had failed to return rental property.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had been assaulted in the 900 block of North Mulberry. The case is still under investigation.

■ Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Dewey. Upon arrival, it was determined to be a juvenile problem. The case is being forwarded to the Juvenile Office.

Nov. 12
■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Damienn C. Chumley, 23, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Jason G. Wiederholt, 20, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

■ Alisa L. Thompson, 16, Maryville, was travelling north on North Main. Mindy L. Chesterman, 18, Nebraska City, Neb., was stopped facing east on West Fifth. William C. Hollingsworth, 44,

Maitland, was stopped on East Fifth facing west. Chesterman entered the intersection. Thompson struck Chesterman, causing Chesterman to strike Hollingsworth.

■ While on patrol in the 500 block of West Seventh, an officer observed a vehicle drive over the median. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Aaron W. Chessareck, 19, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he would not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued summonses for minor in possession and careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 13
■ An officer received a report from a business in the 100 block of East Fourth of an individual failing to return rental property. Derek E. Shepherd, 18, Maryville, was issued a summons for failure to return rental property.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 100 block of East Fourth of an individual failing to return rental property. Jeremiah D. Burton, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for failure to return rental property.

■ Officers received a report from a business in the 1600 block of South Main that two individuals had purchased items commonly used in the production of methamphetamine. Two male individuals were placed on a 20-hour hold pending further investigation.

Nov. 14
■ Officers observed a vehicle parked on the wrong side of the road in the 400 block of North Walnut. Upon making contact with the passenger identified as Siddharth Dhir, 21, Maryville, a substance believed to be marijuana was located on him. He was issued a summons for possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana. Robert E. Cardwell, 21, Maryville, was issued summonses for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Jamie D. Vangundy Brown, 25, Skidmore, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ Kathryn N. Gunsolley, 16, Maryville, and Christie N. Schluter, 17, Maryville, were traveling north on Main Street. Schluter stopped in traffic behind another vehicle waiting to make a left turn. Gunsolley struck Schluter. Gunsolley was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Dean A. Davison, 77, Maryville, was eastbound on East First. Laverta J. Oliver, 77, Bedford, Iowa, was facing south at the stop sign, attempting to turn east onto First Street. Oliver entered the intersection. Davison struck Oliver.

Nov. 15
■ An officer recovered a bicycle from the 200 block of East Seventh.

Nov. 16
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 1500 block of South Munn.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 400 block of East Jenkins.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of West Fourth, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of North Walnut. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Robert J. McVey, 23, Wathena. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he would not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

Nov. 17
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken a composite of photographs from his residence in the 600 block of North Walnut.

Lots of learning



PHOTO BY JAKE ALBANEZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students from North Andrew plan out their service project for their community at the Building Community with Character program. The schools will meet again in April to report on the progress of their projects.

Nov. 18
■ Mark C. Keno, 41, Maryville, was traveling south in the 1500 block of North Main when Keno struck a deer.

BIRTHS

Cody Bruce Cline

Matt and Cari Cline, Maryville, are the parents of Cody Bruce, born Nov. 13 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Suzi Livengood, Hopkins. Paternal grandparents are Danny and Connie Cline, Pickering.

Maternal great-grandparents are Tom and Margaret Livengood, Braddyville, Iowa. Paternal great-grandparents are Drexel and Donna Riley, Maryville, and Berneta Cline, Pickering. Maternal great-grandmother is Hope Bangs, Stanberry.

Jordan Ray Fasnacht

Chris and Rebecca Fasnacht, Braddyville, Iowa, are the parents of Jordan Ray, born Nov. 13 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Judy Henke, Clarinda, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Ray and Marly Fasnacht, Janesville, Minn.

Tayton Michael Kirsch

Brent Kirsch and Maggie Conz, Burlington Junction, are the parents of Tayton Michael born Nov. 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Kathy Conz, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Pat Kirsch, St. Louis.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ralph and Viola Conz, Pickering; Dale and Helen Downing, Maryville; and Peggy and the late Don Wilmes, Maryville.

Alayna Dawn Welch

Patrick and Miranda Welch, Bedford, Iowa, are the parents of Alayna Dawn, born Nov. 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and joins one sister, Emily Marvin. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Marilyn Norton, Klickitat, Wash. Paternal grandparents are Ed and Linda Welch, Maryville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Jerry and Wilma Moss, Klickitat, Wash., and Warren Norton, The Dalles, Ore. Paternal great-grandparents are Richard and Lavaughn Dredge, Maryville, and Helen and Francis Welch, Parnell. Great-great-grandparent is Dorothy Dredge, Maryville.

DEATHS

Helen Repha James

Helen Repha James, 86, Elmo, died Nov. 9 at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas.

She was born April 13, 1916, to Ormer and Repha Hunt in Excelsior Springs.

She is survived by two daughters, Karen Schafer and Myrene Bears; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Clancy and Paul Hunt; and one sister, Fern Webber.

Services were Nov. 15 at Elmo United Methodist Church in Elmo. Burial was at LaMar Cemetery in Elmo.

William "Bill" Walker

William "Bill" Walker, 77, Skidmore, died Nov. 16 at Beverly Health Care in Maryville.

He was born Aug. 19, 1935, to Francis Walker and Della Mae Colwell in Holt County.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; one daughter, Marva Kay Brown; two sons, Jerry and Roger; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Margaret Cordell; and four brothers, Ivan, Jim, Phillip and Gary; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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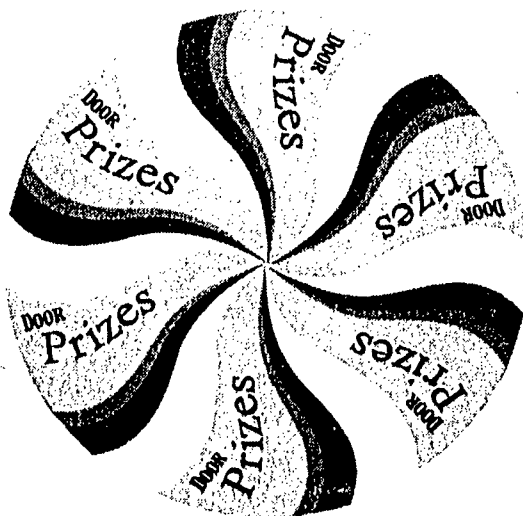
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TUITION from 1A

Budget, reserves look bleak for spring trimester

on the situation since rumors began surfacing.

"Right now we do know that other state level revenues are lagging in the '02 and '03 expenditures," Barnes said. "But that's all we know. We know we will be seeing some type of budget shortfall."

The rumors circling around institutions are speculating all state agencies will be subjected to budget cuts ranging from 10 to 15 percent.

"All institutions are facing the same situation," Courter said. "In that regard, if we experience cuts again we will probably be looking at our reserves and be using what we have left."

At this point, however, Northwest's reserves are low. When the budget crisis began last year, the University had \$3 million set aside, but after a year, the reserve is down to \$500,000.

Since Northwest's cut in revenues, the University began cutting expenses, increasing revenue and began giving up reserves early to get through the past year instead of looking at only one area to cut like competitive institutions.

The University spent \$2.5 million from their reserves to get through the last year, in addition to cutting \$2 million from the operating budget, Courter said.

"It's been like trying to bail water out of a boat while you're trying to get to shore," he said. "It's made it pretty rough."

Courter has been happy, however, with the way the budget cut was handled since the University was able to keep from closing classes, dropping programs or issuing pink slips.

"We are worried about the current year though," Courter said. "We don't know how severe the cuts will be and our ability to be flexible is limited by how much money we have in reserves, and how deeply we can cut into the budget without jeopardizing programs for students."

Barnes said the University administration will work with the University community to meet budgetary challenges the institution might face.

"Right now the only thing we can do is continue to move forward and provide a well-rounded education for our students like we have in the past," Barnes said.

Courter said students should not be concerned about tuition increases or higher credit surcharges, because there will be plenty of time to worry when there are more facts.

"Right now we are just trying to be realistic about this, which is the best appropriate thing we can do and understand the conditions as best we can, and provide some contingency planning," he said. "We are just waiting to hear the news about expected cuts."

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AIRPORT from 1A

Contractor, regional representative introduce benefits of community airport, propose master plan renovations

Jerald Searle, of Snyder & Associates, the consulting engineers and planners for the project, presented a layout drawing of the master plan and specifically outlined proposed improvements.

Searle said the main reason for the luncheon was to inform and receive feedback.

"We provide an opportunity to educate people about what's out there, what the resources are at the airport and the value, much of what

Speaker discusses conviction, crime with business majors

By KARA SWINK
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Northwest business majors will learn the true meaning of "white collar corruption," when a former employee of Owl Securities and Investments, a Kansas City, Mo. company, speaks about his conviction of conspiring to bribe government officials in Costa Rica.

Richard K. Halford, who spent the last 45 years serving in various financial service industries, will speak about his personal account at 1 p.m. today in the Student Union Boardroom. Halford plead guilty of violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. He also testified against Robert Richard King, a former pilot for Ewing Kauffman who bribed employees of Owl Securities and Investments to pay more than \$1.5 million in bribes to Costa Rican officials.

The FCPA states it is unlawful to bribe foreign government officials to obtain or retain business. The judge sentenced Halford in July to probation and ordered him 1,000 community service hours, within a 40-month period, of lecturing student groups about the evils of corporate fraud. King was convicted of one count of conspiracy and four counts of violating the FCPA.

Halford said he felt the judge treated him fairly in appointing him to speak about his conviction.

Halford violated the FCPA by transferring funds from Kansas City to Costa Rica, which could have been used for campaign contributions, and proposed a business plan to find a way to get political parties to back the project. Halford said he was unaware he was committing a crime because he focused his time on not violating Costa Rican laws.

During the presentation, Halford will pass out a case study exercise to give students a chance to decide whether the scenario is lawful or not.

"I'm just going to let them read

the study without touching the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act at first," Halford said. "Most will say 'go for it,' but afterward I'll explain the consequences."

After Halford sent a letter six weeks ago to the University asking to speak, Thomas Billesbach, professor of marketing and management said it was a great idea considering all the corporate scandals recently.

"No one intends to be a criminal, but just one thing leads to another and the next thing you know you're engaged in practice that's outlawed," Billesbach said.

Billesbach said he hopes his students will walk away with something after hearing Halford tell his story.

"When you read it in a textbook it's one thing, but when you get someone in there and tells you, I think it's a much more powerful and lasting message," he said. "And I hope they realize that you have to be very careful and think it through. Just because your boss is doing it doesn't make it right."

Graduate Assistant Erin Pleggenkuhle is looking forward to meeting Halford and asking him questions.

"I think it will make me more aware of real life consequences," she said. "You can read about it, but to actually hear someone who's been through the experience has a greater impact."

Halford said he wants students to be careful when they begin their career and start making business decisions.

"I hope I'll be able to get the message out there that in a business career you are going to find situations which make you make hard decisions that carry temptation," he said. "They hopefully will learn that things aren't in black and white, and more in a gray area. I hope they'll learn something by using myself as an example."

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SMOKING from 1A

Northwest students, community members challenge themselves to stop smoking for one day

Citizens for a Smoke-free Nodaway County. The group of interested community members asks one business that normally allows smoking in their business to go smoke-free in honor of the Great American Smokeout. This year, Dairy Queen has agreed to participate.

"We try to focus on (restaurants) because we want everyone to see that it's such a benefit to have clean indoor air," Harr said.

Harr and members of Citizens for a Smoke-free Nodaway County also appeared at the Maryville City Council meeting Monday.

Harr explained the benefits of a

smoke-free environment to employers, employees and customers. She said that currently 70 percent of Maryville restaurants have gone smoke free, not allowing any smoking within their doors.

Long John Silvers is one of the businesses that have recently turned smoke free. Store Manager Bill Scott said he has experienced no loss in revenue or customer counts due to the policy change.

Letters of support from KFC and Pizza Hut were also read at the meeting.

The University Health Center plans to offer assistance to smokers who want to quit by providing CD-ROM programs smokers can personalize to track progress

Feaste to bring holiday cheer

By DEVIN RANKIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest students and faculty, and community members can celebrate the season by traveling back in time to the merry days of the Renaissance during the 29th annual Yuletide Feaste.

The Yuletide Feaste will take place at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5-7 in the Student Union Ballroom and will offer a full evening of festivities.

A traditional wassail toast will start the evening, followed by a banquet and performances by several groups consisting of Northwest students and faculty, which will provide entertainment, said Brian Lanier, Yuletide Feaste director.

With more than 60 members in the cast, the event will fill the Ball-

room with the sights and sounds of Christmas with performances by madraliers, a royal brass quintet and recorder consort.

Students performing in the Yuletide Feaste consist of music majors, and will feature several seniors that will conduct musical pieces throughout the evening, said senior Nicole Ursch.

"It is a good educational experience for seniors because you get to conduct one piece during the concert," Ursch said. "It is refreshing to get to work with a collegiate ensemble."

Along with the musical entertainment, cast and audience members will celebrate with tales of the season and a feast fit for a king, Lanier said.

The evening will be full of good

food and music for everyone to enjoy along with times of reflection on the season.

"There will be moments of reflection and we will tell a little about the season," Lanier said. "There will be lots of good music, lots of good food and songs of the season."

The menu for the Feaste includes sliced roast pork, chicken with tarragon sauce, carved steamship of beef, green bean almondine, glazed baby carrots, wild rice, potatoes and pumpkin pie.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Student Service Desk or by mail. The cost is \$23 and may be charged to University or Aladine accounts.

For more information contact the department of music at 562-1325.

SENATE from 1A

Senate member's resignation avoids impeachment trial

move on."

Janson Thomas, junior class representative, said Senate needs to get back to business.

"We do need to move on," Thomas said. "It was a burden but we accept the burden, but this should not derail our activities."

Thomas said the impeachment process was handled well.

"I was pleased with how the judiciary committee handled it," Thomas said.

"The reason we need to approach this seriously is because the integrity of the Senate must be protected."

Karsen said she understands Ayala's decision.

"Dan was concerned that he was going to drag the Senate along with the impeachment hearing and I respect his decision," Karsen said. "In a way, it's a blessing that the semester is coming to an end and we have a fresh start next semester. Our hope is

to be as effective as the students will allow us to be."

Seaman said the right decision had been made.

"He had the chance to have a fair trial but I was glad about the hearing because justice was served," Seaman said. "This is a black eye for Senate, and I thought long and hard about my decision (to file the impeachment) but I think people need to be held responsible for their decisions."

SOS from 1A

Sorority sponsors walk to raise sexual assault awareness

She reminded students that no body is immune to crime and America needs to wake up to that fact.

SOS Co-chair Laura Meek said the event brings awareness to Northwest about sexual assault.

"You think nothing can go wrong but the reality of it is stuff does happen," Meek said.

All new Sigma sisters are told Stephanie's story. Meek said it is important because some people have their own personal experiences. For Meek, the walk after the presentation has the most impact.

"If you turn around and look back you see all the candles and it's really quiet," she said. "It's an amazing view."

For the past five years Delta Chi member Josh Shields has attended the SOS Walk. He said he thinks it is beneficial for both men and women.

"When you get this big group of people, you get to see the reaction of everybody," Shields said. "It's really sad. It makes you think more."

Tara Fischer, senior education major, has participated in the walk for three years because of the community-like feeling she gets from the campus.

"It's important to keep an awareness out there of things that happen to people and remember them," Fischer said.

The Schmidts will continue their effort to inform people about their daughter and her story.

"Stephanie's death has put a face on a horrendous crime," Peggy Schmidt said. "We're going to put a face on crime and give a voice to victims who have been silenced."

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To Those Who Wait

Although the Thanksgiving turkey has not even been carved, many people - especially children - already have visions of Christmas dancing in their heads. But the time for celebration is not quite here.

By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

No sooner than Wal-Mart lines up rows of grocery carts full of Halloween candy at mega-discounted prices, do Christmas wreaths, Santa Claus statues and jingle bell ringers pop up in store windows. Since it is one of the most capitalized holidays around the world, it is no wonder that Christmas often overshadows other holidays that perhaps hold more meaning in the way of religious beliefs.

While many people view the weeks leading up to Christmas as the perfect time to prepare gifts, food and vacation time, Christians use it to celebrate the season of Advent. Derived from the Latin word "adventus," which means coming or arrival, the season is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Sister Rose Hacker, pastoral associate at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, said although many people give the "so what" attitude toward Advent, the church still strives to celebrate the season's true message.

"(Advent) is a preparation time," Hacker said. "It takes on a couple meanings: it celebrates the first coming of Christ and it anticipates the second coming of Christ."

In addition to waiting and anticipating, the first day of Advent also marks the first day of the liturgical, or church, year.

When the season was first established in the 900s by Western churches, Advent lasted anywhere from four to six weeks, depending on the denomination. In the 10th century, however, the four-week length became most common, beginning four Sundays before Christmas and marking the beginning of the liturgical year. This year, Advent begins on Dec. 1, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

As a way to follow the season, Christians follow Advent calendars marked with specific scripture readings for each day up until Christmas Eve on Dec. 24.

The calendar follows the dates of the regular year and begins on the first Sunday of Advent and ends with Christmas day. Many calendars have little doors that open up to an Advent scene or an appropriate scripture passage for that day.

Although the season is recognized by all Christians, each denomination has its own way of celebrating and remembering what the season means. One way St. Paul's Episcopal Church recognizes Advent is by performing the Nine Lessons and Carols, a service that originated at Cambridge College to celebrate the waiting for Jesus.

Jeffery Loomis, music coordinator of the Nine Lessons and Carols service, said with so much emphasis placed on Christmas, the time intended for reflection and anticipation has lost its significance.

"Advent contains all the church seasons in it," Loomis said. "I think the importance of it is time to meditate on all these aspects and our place in the cosmic picture. The way it differs from Christmas time is that Christmas is so celebratory."

Besides fighting the capitalization of Christmas, finding Advent music that doesn't focus too much on Christmas is difficult and Loomis said he sometimes has to change the lyrics to make songs work. But, when a song does fit the season, Hacker said they are determined by how they sound.

"A minor chord sort of brings out that feeling of longing," Hacker said. "Advent is a season of desire, of hope, of coming. It's trying to focus on Jesus' birth."

Aside from the calendar, the Advent wreath offers another way follow the season. With the candles placed in a ring of evergreen branches, one candle is lit each Sunday - one on the first Sunday, two on the second Sunday, three on the third Sunday and finally all four candles on the fourth Sunday. The purple colors of Ad-

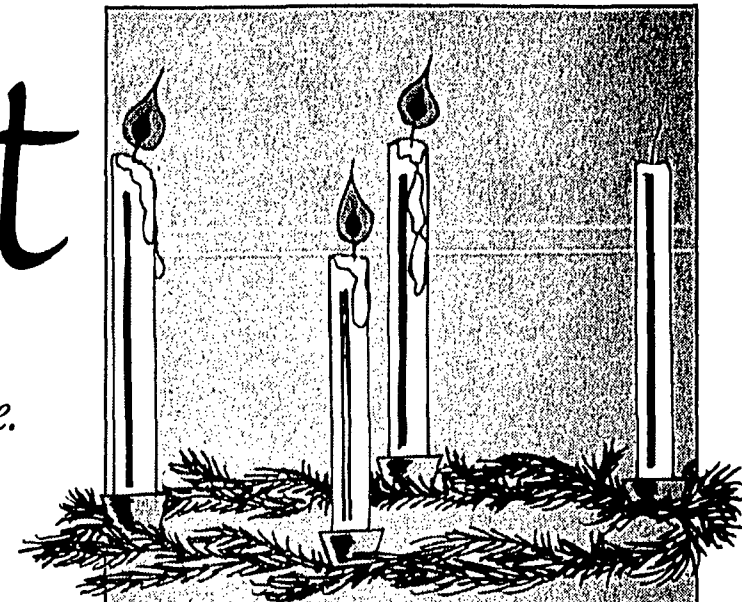
vent symbolize the penitential spirit and the pink candle symbolizes the midway point to Christmas.

Many saints' feasts are celebrated during Advent, including the Feast of Saint Nicholas on Dec. 6. While most people associate Santa Claus with bringing gifts to children, Saint Nicholas is the basis on which Santa Claus is modeled. Some families still remember the true essence of Saint Nicholas, though, and children leave their shoes out on Dec. 5 in hopes that Saint Nicholas will leave them a treat.

Up until the fourth Sunday of Advent, the manger scene stays out of any decorations or altar adornments. Not until the last service is finished on the last Sunday can the manger scene be set up on the altar. Even then, though, the crib for baby Jesus remains empty until Christmas day.

Like many things, important religious times such as Advent and even Christmas, lose their original meanings and get classified more as a reason to party. The important thing, though, is to remember the true meaning of the season because without it there would be no holiday at all.

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Each element of the Advent wreath - the evergreens, the three purple candles and one pink candle - reminds Christians why preparation and patience for the arrival of Jesus Christ is worth the wait.

■ Evergreen leaves symbolize the lasting love God has for his people.

■ The circular arrangement reminds Christians that God's love is never ending.

■ Each candle represents the many years Christians awaited God's arrival.

■ The purple candles represent the longing for Christ's coming.

■ The pink candle, lit during the third week, represents the joy to be had on Christmas Day.

Source: St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church Web site
<http://smvparish.org/Advent.html>

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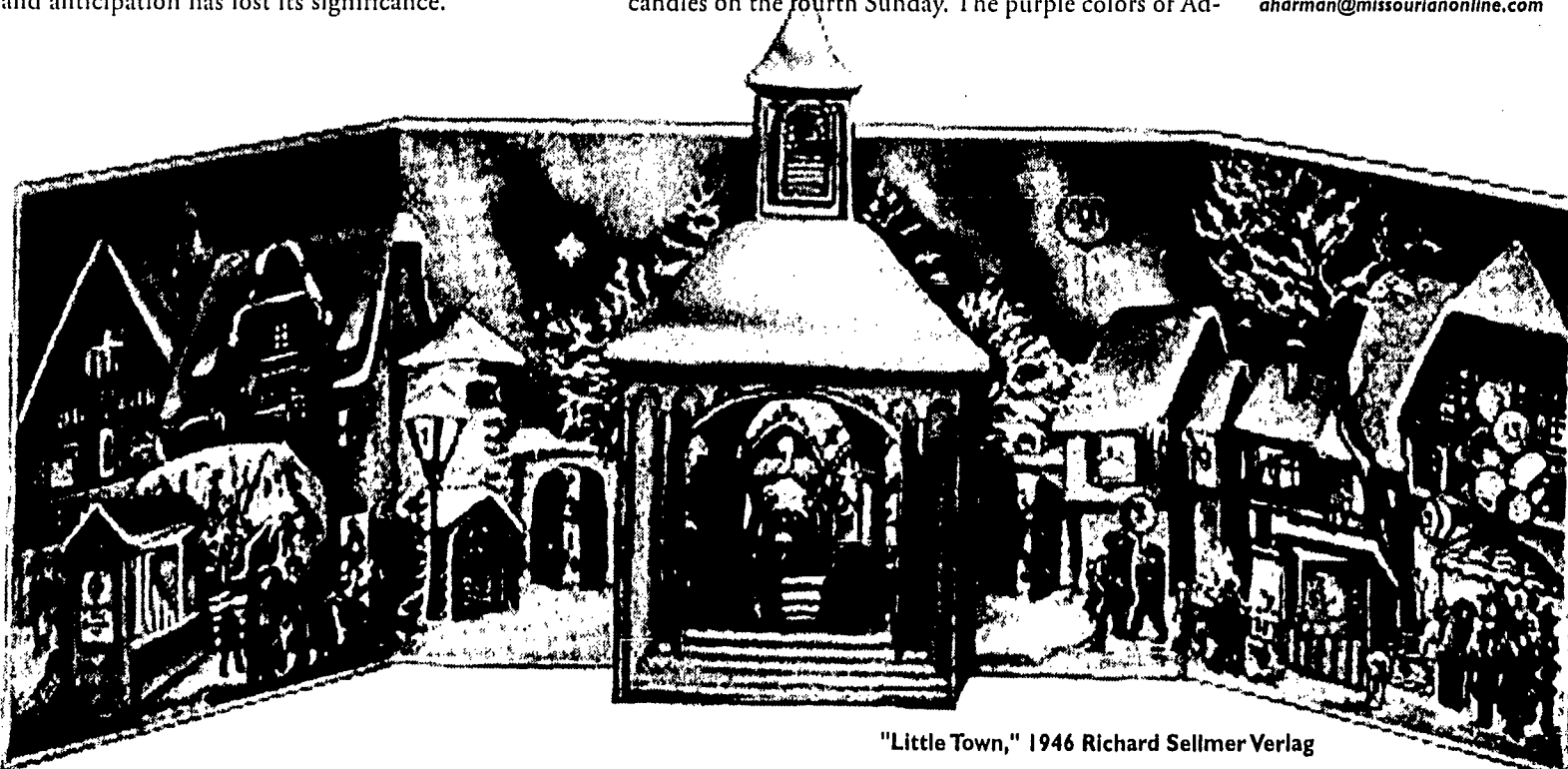


The legend of Santa Claus is based on Saint Nicholas of Myra. Saint Nicholas would show up to unsuspecting people in need of good fortune, bringing help with whatever obstacle they faced.

Although Saint Nicholas grew up quite wealthy, he always had a special connection to those in need. His life passion was to help those who needed it and do it graciously. Nicholas was known to show up without notice, offer what he could and discreetly disappear without so much as a wave of the hand.

He is more notable for his kindness to children, as he presented small gifts to any child he met, teaching them the joy of giving. Many families still honor the Feast of Saint Nicholas on Dec. 6 by children leaving their shoes out the night before and waking up the next morning to find candy or small toys inside them.

Source: Bread on the Waters
<http://www.cptryon.org/prayer/adv/adnick.html>



"Little Town," 1946 Richard Sellmer Verlag

Calendars create moods to remember season's true meaning

By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

The tradition of the Advent calendar is a relatively young member of the Advent season, with the first calendar produced in 1851. The first styles were primitive containing dates and simple scenes. Before long, though, creative touches captured the atmosphere sur-

rounding the season with elaborate scenes and small windows that opened to a lesson or Bible passage for reading and contemplation.

Gerhard Lang from Maulbronn, Germany, produced the first Advent calendar with doors to open in the early 20th century and instituted the idea of putting Bible verses behind

the doors.

Lang had a fruitful business in his printing partnership, Reichhold & Lang, until it had to close in the 1930s because of World War II.

The artful expression of faith was not abandoned, however. Richard Sellmer, another Germany native, was among the first to produce Advent cal-

endars after WWII.

Through unique handiwork and creativity, Sellmer became internationally known for Advent calendars that express the Advent's purpose.

A history of Advent calendars and more samples of Sellmer's work can be viewed at www.sellmer-verlag.de/inhalt.html.



Imagine crunchy white pretzels, over-stuffed turkeys roasting all day, warm cookies with chunks of chocolate oozing from the center, pumpkin pie and eggnog to wash it all down.

That's right. Christmas is approaching once again and it's time to start thinking about those tasty, jolly treats. Our mouths are already watering and we want your recipes. From easy and fast to new favorites and old traditions - we want them all.

If you would like to share your family's favorite dish, send recipes by Dec. 1 to:

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Northwest cornerback Darryl Ridley tries to knock the ball away from an Emporia State University receiver during Saturday's contest. Ridley may not have won this battle, but he still was named All-MIAA first team this week.

STILL PERFECT

Northwest finishes regular season 11-0 with victory at Emporia

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest football team made a statement before entering the Midwest regional playoffs with a 34-5 win over Emporia State University Saturday.

With the win, the Bearcats won their sixth MIAA title outright in seven years and clinched home-field advantage through at least the first two games of the playoffs.

"That's huge," senior quarterback John McMenamin said. "We don't want to travel up near Canada or Colorado or wherever we'll play. We want to play in Rickenbrode in front of our fans where we are comfortable. That's what made this our biggest game of the year."

After playing three games that came down to the wire, Northwest (11-0) found its form and handed Emporia (8-3) its second worst defeat of the season.

"They're a good team, but we came out ready to play today," junior defensive end Josh Honey said. "We did a good job - I'm real proud of everybody."

The Bearcats dominated both sides of the ball, racking up 426 yards of total offense compared to the Hornets' 190.

This after two games where the offense struggled to get into a rhythm.

The Bearcats scored more touchdowns in the first 20 minutes of the game than they did the last two games combined.

"I thought the first half, especially, we played pretty good on offense," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Overall, I was pleased with the effort today. I thought we ran the ball a little bit better - we still have to run it a lot better."

The 426 yards compare to the 288 the team gained one week earlier in a 13-10 win over Missouri Western State College.

The Hornets, known for their rushing attack, tried to confuse the Bearcat defense by throwing the ball the majority of the time.

Emporia State quarterback Tad Hatfield threw 30 times but only completed nine of those passes.

"We took away the run so they really had to (pass)," Tjeerdsma said. "I think that was really important for us to take away the run. I was really proud of what we did."

Hatfield threw two interceptions in the game; both were picked off by senior free safety Ryan Miller.

Miller picked off one of those passes near the goal line early in the third quarter, preventing Emporia State from cutting into the Northwest lead.

"The defense didn't panic," senior cornerback Marcel Smith said. "We did what we been doing all year. Even though we've got our backs against the wall, we step up and make a play. Miller set the tone and that's all she wrote."

The Hornets threw another interception late in the game; this one picked off by sophomore cornerback Tony Glover.

The Bearcats set the tone of the game early on.

Northwest held Emporia State to a three and out after the Hornets returned the opening kickoff to the Northwest 38-yard line.

The Hornets attempted a fake punt, but the Bearcat defense was not fooled, as senior linebacker Adam Crowe dropped Emporia State's Brad Johnson for a loss on the play.

Northwest's offense got in gear after the two teams exchanged punts.

After sophomore wide receiver Jamaica Rector made a diving 23-yard juggling catch to get the Bearcats to the 1-yard line, McMenamin ran the option to the right side of the field and dove into the end zone from two yards out to give the Bearcats a 7-0 lead.

Northwest was pinned on their own 11-yard line the following drive, but it did not phase McMenamin and the Bearcat offense.

On the drive's first play, McMenamin found Rector down the middle of the field

for an 85-yard pass. Emporia State's Philip Mabion would finally bring down Rector, but not until he got the Bearcats within the 5-yard line.

Three plays later, freshman running back Mitch Herring scored from three yards out to give the Bearcats a 14-0 lead with two minutes left in the first quarter.

The Bearcats were not finished.

McMenamin would connect with senior wide receiver Mark Stewart for an eight-yard touchdown pass on the Bearcats' following drive to give Northwest a 21-0 lead.

Emporia State tried to swing the momentum to their side after a 41-yard field goal by Justin Gray and a safety of McMenamin on the ensuing drive.

However, that would be as close as the Hornets would get the rest of the game.

Northwest would add another touchdown before halftime. This time McMenamin found freshman fullback Daren Roberts wide open on a screen pass that turned into a seven-yard touchdown.

Senior kicker Eddie Ibarra would go two of two on the day, kicking 20-yard and 38-yard field goals in the fourth quarter to prevail the Bearcats to the conference crown, a title that had been absent from Northwest for only one season.

The 34 points will help boost the team's confidence after the two games against Western and Central Missouri State University.

"It's a plus but we still have a lot of things to work on," junior fullback Sean Shafar said. "We'll be coming out to practice Tuesday ready to go."

Elsewhere in the Midwest region, Northern Colorado (No. 2 in the Midwest region) completed a 10-1 season with an 18-7 win over New Haven, CMSU (No. 3 in the region) defeated Pittsburg State University 23-20 in overtime and Minnesota-Duluth (No. 4 in the region) defeated Winona State University 42-25.

Receiver, safety make big plays to clinch title

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

Sophomore receiver Jamaica Rector and senior safety Ryan Miller have undoubtedly had big games this season but none may have been as big as Saturday's 34-5 victory over Emporia State University to clinch the MIAA championship outright.

Rector added three catches for 126 yards to give him 985 receiving yards for the regular season. On the other side of the ball, Miller had two interceptions for 29 yards to give him five interceptions during the regular season.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma, said Rector stepped up his game.

"He made some big plays and that's what you expect from him," Tjeerdsma said. "He's a big play guy and it just goes to show you that big play guys make big plays when you need them."

Rector, who had an 85-yard reception in the first quarter, said he played well but after the run he said his stomach got twisted and he got sick. However, that didn't stop Rector as he continued to make plays.

In the second quarter, Rector had a reception for 18 yards, only this time he only used one hand to catch it.

"I was thinking about trying to get to the ball but it wasn't a pretty ball," Rector said. "It was a little bit short and I just tried to get my hand under it."

Tjeerdsma said it was an impressive catch.

"That play was as good as I've seen," Tjeerdsma said. "He was laying there and he actually caught it with one hand as he was sitting on the ground. He made it look like he could do that every day, which he probably could."

Emporia State's offense had a tougher time as the Hornets' quarterback threw two passes that ended up in Miller's hands. The first interception came with 10 minutes and 54 seconds left in the third quarter with Emporia threatening to score from the Northwest 2-yard line. Nearly six minutes later, Miller picked the ball off from the Northwest 35-yard line, which led to a touchdown. Miller said the game was important for the team and said the interceptions were possible because of the defense.

"It was very important to make big plays and our running game really stepped up," Miller said. "I was supposed to be on top of the zone and the pressure from the front seven was very important. I credit both of those interceptions to the line and I could have had a third interception and that was because of them, too."

Tjeerdsma said the interceptions were very important for the team.

"The first interception he got after the onside kick and that kind of got us out of a hole and it was a real emotional lift because that onside kick hurt us," he said.

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BEARCATS ON ALL-MIAA TEAMS

Player	Position	Team
John McMenamin	QB	1st team
Jamaica Rector	WR/KR	1st team
Seth Wand	OT	1st team
Alex Tuttle	OT	1st team
Justin Bowser	DL	1st team
John Edmonds	LB	1st team
Darryl Ridley	CB	1st team
Eddie Ibarra	K	2nd team
Seth Giddings	DL	2nd team
Troy Thysdahl	LB	2nd team
Marcel Smith	CB	2nd team
Joel Matthews	P	2nd team
Mark Stewart	WR	Hon. Mention
Geoff Bollinger	DE	Hon. Mention
Mike Sunderman	DE	Hon. Mention
Josh Honey	DL	Hon. Mention
Adam Crowe	LB	Hon. Mention
Ryan Miller	FS	Hon. Mention

■ bold means unanimous selection

NORTHWEST 34 EMPORIA 5

GAME STATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

Bearcats 14 14 0 6
Hornets 0 5 0 0

First quarter

NW - McMenamin 2 run (Ibarra kick) 5:45
NW - Herring 3 run (Ibarra kick) 2:03

Second quarter

NW - Stewart 8 pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick) 11:45
ESU - Gray 41 FG 8:58

ESU - Team safety, 8:01

NW - Roberts 7 pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick) :08

Third quarter

No scoring

Fourth quarter

NW - Ibarra 20 FG, 13:26

NW - Ibarra 38 FG, 6:23

Total elapsed time - 2:53

Attendance - 5,907

TEAM STATISTICS

NW		ESU
26	First downs	10
41	Rush attempts	27
96	Net yards rushing	42
330	Net yards passing	148
43	Pass attempts	33
22	Pass completions	11
426	Total yards	190
44	Total return yards	219
4-37.5	Punts-avg.	6-40.8
0-0	Fumbles-lost	0-0
6-53	Penalties-yards	9-93
2-5	Sacks by-yards	3-38
34:22	Time of possession	25:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing- NW, Scags 12-54, Herring 17-46, A. Rector 1-11, Shafar 3-4, Lamberson 2-3, Roberts 1- (minus) 1, McMenamin 5- (minus) 21; ESU, Paul 18-45, Sanders 5-8, Perry 1-3, Hatfield 2-0, Majors 1- (minus) 14.
Passing- NW, McMenamin 21-41-0 316, Hampton 1-2-0 14; ESU, Hatfield 9-30-2 128, Majors 0-1-0 0, Servis 1-1-0 (minus) 4, Copeland 1-1-0 24.
Receiving- NW, A. Rector 7-78, Stewart 5-51, J. Rector 3-126, J. Orte 2-44, Herring 2- (minus) 8, Froehlich 1-18, Scags 1-14, Roberts 1-7; ESU, H. Johnson 3-50, R. Johnson 3-43, Day 2-35, Paul 1-15, Richard 1-9, B. Johnson 1- (minus) 4.

INJURY UPDATE

■ Linebacker Chad Bostwick is listed as probable with a slight separated shoulder he suffered against Missouri Western.
■ Junior quarterback T.J. Mandl is out for the season after tearing his right ACL before the season.
■ Freshman offensive lineman Nick Tones is out for the season with a knee injury.
■ Sophomore defensive lineman Jason Yeager is out for the season with knee injuries.
■ Senior linebacker Adam Crowe is listed as probable after suffering an ankle sprain against Emporia State.

AFC Division II Top 25

School	Last week
1. Grand Valley State (10-0)	1
2. Valdosta State (11-0)	2
3. Carson-Newman (11-0)	3
4. Northwest (11-0)	4
5. Central Washington (11-0)	5
6. Indiana (Pa.) (10-1)	6
7. Northern Colorado (9-1)	7
8. Central Mo. State (10-1)	8
9. Tuskegee (9-1)	9
10. C.W. Post (11-0)	10
11. Minnesota-Duluth (11-0)	11
12. Neb.-Kearney (10-1)	12
13. UC Davis (8-2)	14
14. Saginaw Valley State (9-2)	15
15. Fayetteville State (N.C.) (10-1)	16
16. Catawba (8-2)	18
17. Tarleton State (8-2)	17
18. Texas A&M Kingsville (8-2)	20
19. St. Cloud State (9-2)	21
20. Chadron State (8-2)	22
21. Pittsburg State (8-3)	13
22. Bentley (Mass.) (10-1)	24
23. Bloomsburg (Pa.) (8-2)	NR
24. East Stroudsburg (8-2)	25
25. Findlay (Ohio) (9-2)	19

Dropped out: East New Mexico State

Midwest regional rankings

1. Northwest (11-0)
2. Northern Colorado (10-1)
3. Central Mo. State (10-1)
4. Minnesota-Duluth (11-0)

Final MIAA standings

School	MIAA	Overall
Northwest	9-0	11-0
Central Mo. State	8-1	10-1
Emporia State	6-3	8-3
Pittsburg State	6-3	8-3
Missouri Western	4-5	6-5
Truman State	4-5	6-5
Missouri Southern	3-6	5-6
Washburn	3-6	3-7
Southwest Baptist	2-7	2-9
Missouri-Rolla	0-9	0-19

Saturday's results

Northwest 34, Emporia State 5
Missouri Southern 49, Missouri-Rolla 25
CMSU 23, Pittsburg State 20/OT
Southwest Baptist 26, Washburn 20
Truman 27, Missouri Western 23

MIAA players of the week

Offense: Senior quarterback Josh Chapman (Missouri Southern)
He accounted for six touchdowns and 492 yards against Washburn.
Defense: Senior linebacker Judd Lienhard (Truman State)
He had 18 tackles against Missouri Western, nine of them solo. He had three tackles for losses and one pass deflection.

'Cats ready to open season in Milner Classic

By MARK EUSTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Nov. 22 is a day that every Bearcat basketball player, man or woman, has marked on their calendar since the first day of practice.

This day is the start of the annual Ryland Milner Classic, the first official game of the season.

"The players are very excited," men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "It has been a grueling month and a half of practice. The players are definitely excited to get out there and play against someone who has a different color of uniform on."

The tournament typically brings in some of the nation's toughest competition and this year is no different.

The women face an Augustana team out of South Dakota that has qualified for the playoffs six of the

last seven years.

"(Augustana) is typically a great team," women's head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "They almost always have over 20 wins in a season."

For the men it is no different. In the first game they face a tough Florida Tech team and in the second game they face a South Dakota State team that is currently ranked second in Division II.

"Florida Tech is a great team and right now they are the more important team because they are the first team that we face," Tappmeyer said. "We don't want the players just focusing on South Dakota State just because of the preseason rankings."

Fan support is another reason that this tournament is important to the teams.

"We always need the support of the fans, and obviously the best way

to get that is through wins," Steinmeyer said.

Both teams look to get the year started off on the right foot with two wins coming out of the gate.

"It is always good to get off to a good start," Tappmeyer said. "The better you start the season, the more likely it is that you will end on a good note as well. On Sunday we want to be able to look back at the game footage and see only some minor things that need to be corrected."

Friday night the women's team begins its season with hopes of bettering last year's 11-15 record, while the men's team aims to take the next step after its Elite Eight performance last year.

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For a preview of the women's team, turn to page 2B

Game Times

■ 1 p.m. Friday - Doane College (women) vs. Augustana College

■ 3 p.m. Friday - South Dakota State (men) vs. Jackson State

■ 6 p.m. Friday - Northwest (women) vs. Southwest College

■ 8 p.m. Friday - Northwest (men) vs. Florida Tech



Brandon Rold shoots a hook shot over Scott Fleming during Midnight Madness.

Women's basketball preview

Head coach: Gene Steinmeyer
Record at Northwest: 27-52 (fourth season)
Overall record: 387-193 (19th season)
2001-02 record: 11-15 (6-12 in MIAA)

Top returners:
 Jr. forward Jenna Wolfe
 Jr. guard Brooke Hogue
 Jr. center Sarah Vollertson

Key newcomers:
 Fr. guard Laura Friederich
 Jr. guard Jane Chalmers

Key losses:
 guard Dena McMullen

The Roster

4	Jenna Wolfe	C	Jr.
10	Laura Friederich	G	Fr.
13	Corey Van Dine	G	So.
14	Deidra Bridger	G	So.
15	Brooke Brown	G	Fr.
20	Emily Elkin	G	So.
21	Brooke Hogue	G	Jr.
23	Tanesha Fields	G	Jr.
25	Jane Chalmers	G	Jr.
31	Megan Morrow	G/F	Fr.
32	Ashley Poptanycz	G	So.
33	Katie Scherer	G	Jr.
34	Dane Lade	G	So.
40	Sarah Vollertson	C	Jr.
52	Erica Hatterman	G/F	Jr.

2001-02 team leaders

Scoring: Jr. Brooke Hogue, 12.3 ppg

Rebounds: Jr. Sarah Vollertson, 5.9 rpg

Assists: Dena McMullen, 6.1 apg

Blocked shots: Vollertson, 1.13 bpg

Steals: McMullen, 2.1 spg

2002-03 MIAA preseason coaches poll

School	Pts.
1. Missouri Western	78
2. Washburn	72
3. Emporia State	64
4. Central Mo. State	54
5. Missouri Southern	48
6. Pittsburg State	46
7. Southwest Baptist	36
8. Northwest	25
9. Truman State	18
10. Missouri-Rolla	9

2001-02 final MIAA standings

1. Missouri Western	27-3
2. Washburn	23-9
3. Central Mo. State	21-9
4. Pittsburg State	16-11
5. Missouri Southern	17-11
6. Emporia State	16-12
7. Southwest Baptist	15-12
8. Truman State	14-13
9. Northwest	11-15
10. Missouri-Rolla	2-24

By the numbers

0
 The number of seniors on this year's team.

280

The number of steals the Bearcats had last season, which was tops in the MIAA.

'Cats take positives out of exhibition

Team anxious to start regular season on good note after 74-43 loss to Iowa State University in Ames Iowa

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
 CHIEF REPORTER

An average sports fan may look at the women's basketball team's 74-43 loss to Division I power Iowa State University and think that nothing positive came out of it.

However, head coach Gene Steinmeyer saw a lot of good things come out of the exhibition game heading into the Ryland Milner Classic.

"We were able to stay in our straight man-to-man most of the game and we really competed well there," Steinmeyer said. "Obviously, where it all fell apart for us was on the offensive end."

Northwest forced the Cyclones to commit 24 turnovers and the 'Cats combined for 11 steals during the game that was played in front of 7,218 fans in Ames, Iowa. However, Northwest shot just 24 percent from the field and 23 percent from the three-point range.

Steinmeyer said two major problems contributed to those numbers.

"We were pretty much forced to shoot from the perimeter and their zone defense really kept us from getting any inside shots and the fact that we didn't have (Junior Sarah) Vollertson really limited us inside," Steinmeyer said. "The second reason

was we probably rushed our shots a little bit."

Junior Erica Hatterman said the team is looking forward to playing a real game and said the team has improved.

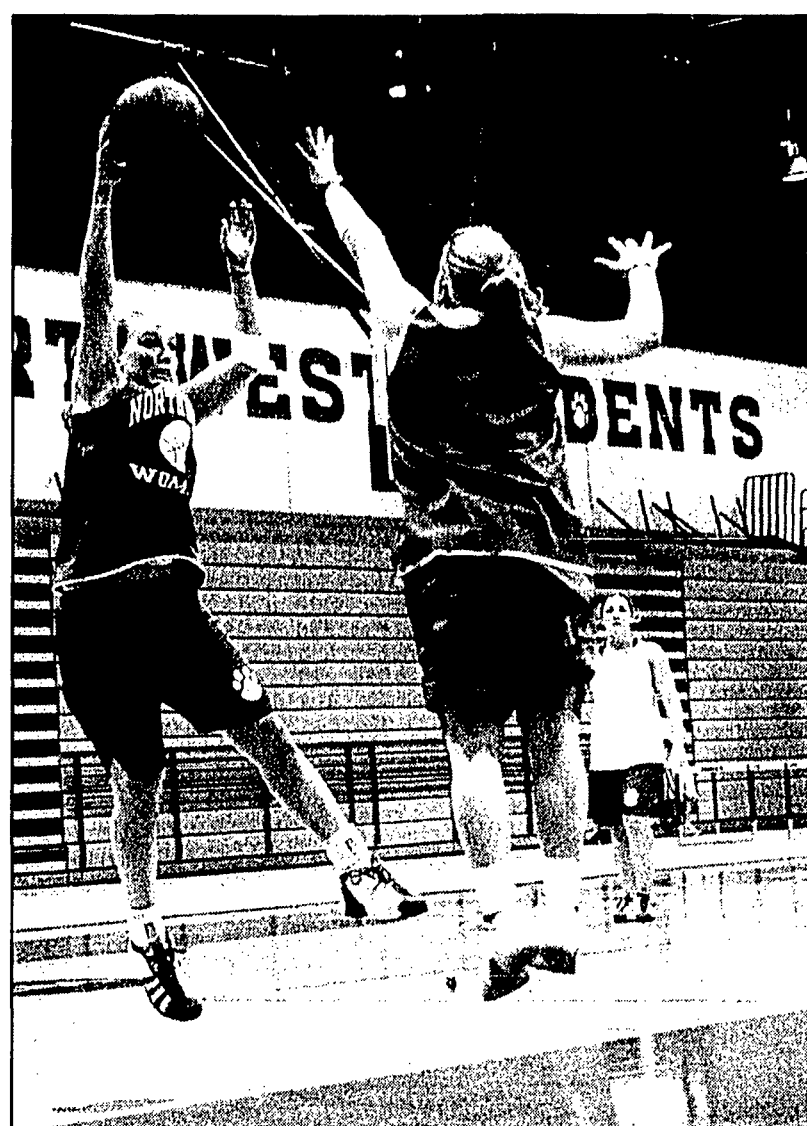
"We're real excited to get started in the regular season," Hatterman said. "We've been communicating really well defensively and offensively but we have really stressed it on defense."

Hatterman also said the team gained a lot from the experience of playing in Ames.

"As a whole, we played very hard," Hatterman said. "It was just a great experience to play at Hilton Coliseum and in front of a lot of people."

The team will start the regular season when they tip-off against NAIA representative Southwestern College (2-1) of Kansas at 6 p.m. Friday in Bearcat Arena, as part of the Ryland Milner Classic. They will do that without junior Brooke Hogue, the team's leading scorer from last year. Hogue had surgery last week. Vollertson is probable for this weekend's tournament.

The next day, the 'Cats will take on Augustana College (1-2), a member of the North Central Conference. Steinmeyer said every game is important for the team to improve.



Freshman guard Laura Friederich (left) throws a pass over a defender during Tuesday's practice. Friederich scored a game high 17 points against Iowa State.

"Each game now is just one more step until we get to Dec. 30 so we can't put too much or too little into each game," Steinmeyer said.

The 'Cats will play six more non-

conference games before opening the MIAA against Missouri Western State College Dec. 30.

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2002-03 schedule

11/22	Southwestern (Kan.)	6 p.m.
11/23	Augustana	6 p.m.
12/1	Benedictine	3 p.m.
12/4	Neb.-Omaha	7 p.m.
12/7	York (Neb.)	5:30 p.m.
12/14	Rockhurst	5:30 p.m.
12/18	Calif. State-Los Angeles	5:30 p.m.
12/19	Central Arkansas	5:30 p.m.
12/30	Missouri Western	1 p.m.
1/4	Pittsburg State	5:30 p.m.
1/8	Truman	1:30 p.m.
1/11	Missouri Southern	5:30 p.m.
1/15	Washburn	1:30 p.m.
1/18	Southwest Baptist	1:30 p.m.
1/22	Central Mo. State	5:30 p.m.
1/25	Missouri-Rolla	1:30 p.m.
1/29	Emporia State	5:30 p.m.
2/1	Pittsburg State	5:30 p.m.
2/5	Truman	5:30 p.m.
2/8	Missouri Southern	1:30 p.m.
2/12	Washburn	5:30 p.m.
2/15	Southwest Baptist	1:30 p.m.
2/19	Central Mo. State	5:30 p.m.
2/22	Missouri-Rolla	1:30 p.m.
2/26	Emporia State	5:30 p.m.
3/1	Missouri Western	5:30 p.m.

- Home games in bold

Starting the season with a setback

The 'Cats will start the season with two of their starters on the injured list. Junior guard Brooke Hogue is out four to six weeks with a knee injury.

Junior center Sarah Vollertson is out for three more weeks with bones broken in both feet.

Both players should be back before conference play begins.



Hogue



Vollertson

Profile: Junior class

Head coach takes joy in first recruiting class at Northwest

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
 CHIEF REPORTER

Four years ago the women's basketball team struggled to a 4-22 finish during the 1999-2000 season in head coach Gene Steinmeyer's first year at Northwest.

However, during that year Steinmeyer also traveled throughout the Midwest looking for recruits to help build the program to a respectable level.

"During the 4-22 year, my assistant coach and I just threw ourselves into recruiting and we were out almost every night recruiting somebody," Steinmeyer said. "That was a really huge year for us because we recruited some pretty good players."

Those players included juniors Katie Scherer, Jenna Wolfe, Tanesha Fields and Corey Van Dine.

But for the first half of the season they will have to start the season without junior Brooke Hogue, who led the team in scoring last year. Hogue developed compartment syndrome, which affects the calves. Junior Sarah Vollertson broke the same bone in each foot, which caused her to miss the exhibition game against Iowa State University. She is probable for this weekend's Ryland Milner Classic.

"I think these four players (Scherer, Wolfe, Fields and Van Dine) can't win any championships by themselves,"



Sophomore Dana Lade goes up for a shot over junior Corey Van Dine. Van Dine was one of many recruited by head coach Gene Steinmeyer in his first year at Northwest.

Steinmeyer said. "But we have a good class and we're just trying to fit each piece of the puzzle."

That puzzle started when Wolfe made a verbal commitment to Steinmeyer dur-

ing her senior year of high school. Wolfe, a native from Clay Center, Kan., was offered a scholarship from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. At the time, UNK was ranked No. 4 in the country.

"I was going to go there (UNK) but I came here and I knew it was the right place for me," Wolfe said. "I was expecting to be a part of a rebuilding team and I felt more accomplished to rebuild a team than to join a winning team."

Wolfe averaged 4.6 points and 3.3 rebounds a game. Steinmeyer said she is a valuable team player.

"Jenna is probably the most talented in the bunch," Steinmeyer said. "She has really matured and she has really become a leader."

The next piece of the puzzle was added when Van Dine joined the recruiting class. Van Dine, from Kansas City, Mo., said she wanted to play for Steinmeyer and said the team has to accomplish certain things to be successful.

"I felt like I played the same style that Stein likes to play," she said. "I like to play a fast-paced style and he likes to play a fast-paced offense. I think we've started to come together as a team and we just have to work hard and play good defense."

Fields, who played for a premier team at Blue Valley North High School in Overland Park, Kan., was a big recruit for Steinmeyer.

"Tanesha has really learned a lot about herself over the last three years and she's a little bit like Katie (Scherer)," Steinmeyer

said. "She has a little bit wider boundaries and she's more talented than Katie but she still needs to take advantage of her strengths."

Fields, who averaged 8.1 points and 3.7 rebounds a game, said there were a lot of factors into her decision to come to Northwest.

"Stein is a good recruiter and I heard a lot of good things about him," Fields said. "We're going to have to fill Brooke and Sarah's roles and find captains on the court."

Scherer started out as a walk-on and worked her way up to a scholarship player. Steinmeyer said she is a hustler on the court.

"Katie got to her place because she knows her role and she knows her strengths and weaknesses," Steinmeyer said. "She's a rebounder, a passer and she's the first kid to dive on the floor for loose balls."

Scherer, who is from Centerville, said the team is improving.

"We've gotten a lot closer as a team and we play well together," Scherer said. "We have to step it up in all areas because they (Vollertson and Hogue) are still our captains and hopefully we'll play well until they come back."

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Maryville wrestling

Grapplers have work cut out for them in tough conference

By JASON MEHRHOFF

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound wrestling squad can be best described in one word this 2002-2003 season: young.

The 'Hounds bring back 14 total letterwinners from last year's campaign

and joining those letterwinners this year will be 11 more freshmen.

"Even though we aren't overwhelmed with experience, they work hard to get where they are," head coach Joe Drake said.

Last year the 'Hounds finished 6-4 on the season in dual competition with four of those losses coming to conference foes. They also finished second in the district meet with nine total freshmen in the lineup.

This year Drake said he hopes

those now sophomores will help power his team to the top. The huge sophomore class, 11 in all, are led by Justin Driskell, who finished with a record over 500 hundred last year and also won a trip to the state meet in Columbia.

"We are still young," Drake said.

"But we still have quite a bit of experience after last year coming back."

The 'Hounds will be led by four seniors: Josh Wilson, David Schluter, Derek Merrill and Evan Derfey. Three of those seniors are letterwinners from last season.

The first to take action in the season will be junior varsity squad Dec. 7 at the Central junior varsity Tournament.

The varsity team begins its season against Saint Pius X in dual action

in Maryville. The 'Hounds then open conference competition Jan. 7 in Benton.

If the 'Hounds hope to improve their 6-4 mark from a year ago they will have a tough task in teams such as Savannah and Platte County.

"Within our conference, Savannah and Platte County will be tough," Drake said. "Platte County was the state champion last year."

The 'Hounds will also have two tough tournaments when they compete at the Lexington and Pleasant Hill tournaments.

"The Lexington tournament has 15 teams with a wide variety of state tournament teams," Drake said. "The Pleasant Hill tournament has 10 schools and all 10 are strong competitors for the state title. This makes both tournaments very tough."

Drake said he hopes the experience from last year will help get the 'Hounds over the top this year.

"We aren't blessed with great athletes," Drake said. "They work very hard."

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2002-2003 Wrestling schedule		
12/10	St. Pius	7 p.m.
12/12	Plattsburg	6:30 p.m.
12/14	Lexington Tourn.	10 a.m.
12/21	Trenton Tourn.	11 a.m.
1/7	Benton	6:30 p.m.
1/9	Lafayette	7 p.m.
1/11	Pleasant Hill Tourn.	10 a.m.
1/14	Chillicothe	6 p.m.
1/16	Hamilton	6:30 p.m.
1/18	Plattsburg Tourn.	10 a.m.
1/21	Cameron	8 p.m.
1/23	Platte Co.	7 p.m.
1/28	Savannah	7 p.m.
1/30	Smithville	7 p.m.
2/1	Maryville Tourn	10 a.m.
2/8	Districts	10 a.m.
2/15	Sectionals	TBA
2/20-22	State	TBA

■ Home meets in bold

Maryville girls' basketball

'Hounds hope to surprise competition

By CASEY HALL

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhounds girls' basketball team is looking to have five seniors to lead their way to state as they start off the season.

With five seniors coming back and three of them returning letter winners, the Spoofhounds hope to have a big year.

"Caleen Bradley, a three-year letter winner, has the experience and the leadership skills to help this team a lot," head coach Randall Cook said. "She also needs to be one of the main offensive threats for the team."

Even though they have five seniors, Cook said a lot of the girls on the team have little experience and need to keep working on fundamentals.

"Junior Hilary Reynolds is the top defender on the team and can hopefully come up with four to five steals a game for easy baskets," Cook said. "She is probably one of our best all around players as well."

With an inexperienced team, Cook is looking at team chemistry as a key to a successful season.

"The girls get along really well and that is the main thing to keep everyone on the same page," Cook said. "I also believe that quickness is a big strength, and hopefully defense can become a strength of the team."

Cook said the team is working to improve on a daily basis, and working on their fundamentals. The main goal for the team is to keep the focus on the season and keep on improving until the end.

Hoping to step up this year for the Spoofhounds are senior Carissa Devers, senior Tiffany Robertson and junior Ann Hagan. Devers has performed well in practice and Robertson is expected to play point guard, while Hagan will be big inside for blocking shots and re-



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alexis Townsend (with the ball) is surrounded by a group of players during practice Monday. The 'Hounds start their season Dec. 3 at Mt. Ayr (Iowa).

bounding, Cook said.

The conference is looking tough again this year, but Cook said he is hoping to finish 4-3 in conference. That will be one of the best records the Spoofhounds have had in conference.

"I think that three teams are really fighting for the conference title in Lafayette, Benton and Savannah, but I think that Lafayette will end up on top this year," Cook said.

Cook said he is hoping to improve the season and be one of the teams to reckon with when districts come around.

"I need to drive this into the girls' heads that districts is the main season and that we can be a tough team to beat when February and March come around," he said.

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2002-2003 Girl's basketball schedule		
12/3	Mt. Ayr (Iowa)	8 p.m.
12/5	Lafayette	7 p.m.
12/13	LeBlond	7 p.m.
12/16-19	Nodaway Co. Tourn.	TBA
12/26-30	William Jewell Tourn.	TBA
1/6	Clarinda	8 p.m.
1/9	Lafayette	8 p.m.
1/13-18	Savannah Tourn.	TBA
1/21	Mid Buchanan	7:30 a.m.
1/24	Chillicothe	8 p.m.
1/28	Savannah	8 p.m.
1/30	Auburn Neb.	7 p.m.
1/31	Benton	8 p.m.
2/4	Platte Co.	8 p.m.
2/7	Smithville	6:30 p.m.
2/10	Chillicothe	6:30 p.m.
2/14	Benton	8 p.m.
2/21	Savannah	8 p.m.
2/24	Cameron	8 p.m.
3/3-8	Districts	TBA
3/12	Sectionals	TBA
3/15	Quarterfinals	TBA
3/21-22	State	TBA

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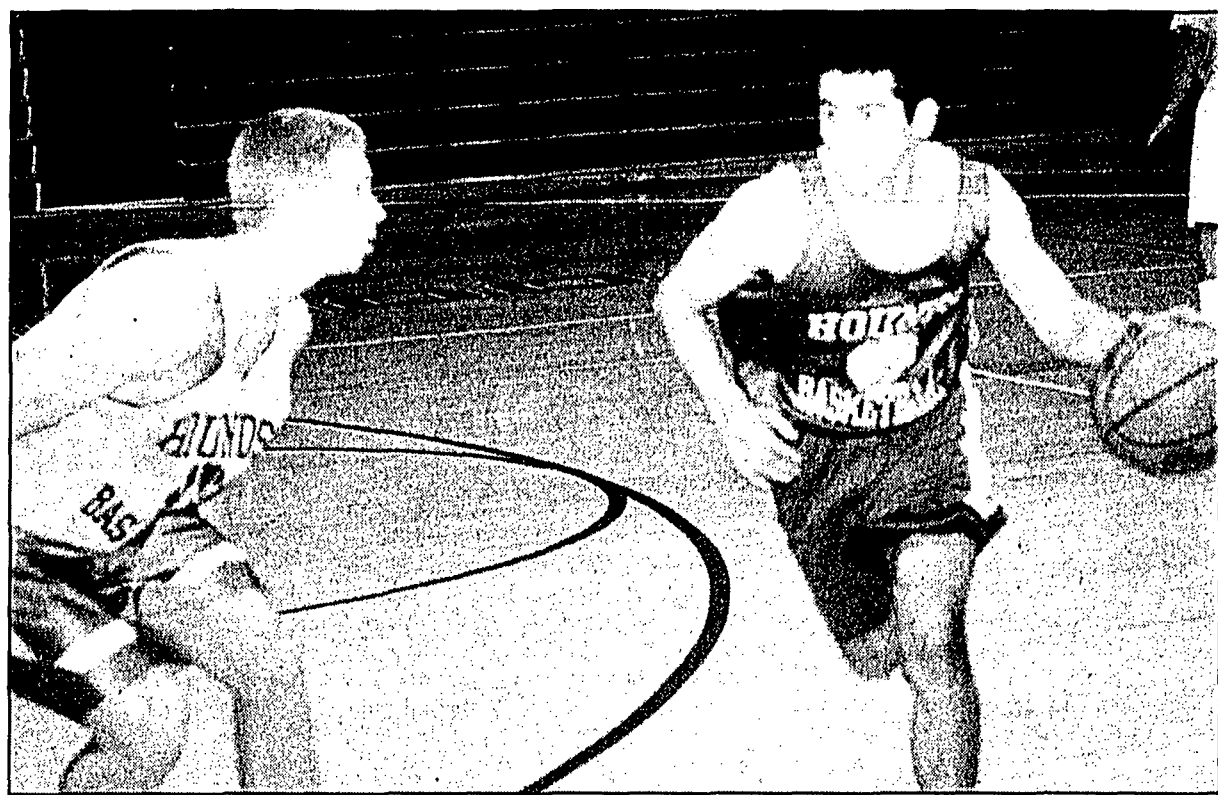


PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Adam Welch drives the ball past David Akins during practice Monday. The 'Hounds will have to overcome injuries to key players early in the season. The team hopes to improve on their 17-10 mark last season.

Maryville boys' basketball

Team looks to lettermen for leadership

By RYAN DELEHANT

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville High School boys' basketball team will be looking toward

to step up as they begin the 2002-2003 basketball season. Mike Kuwitzky enters his 17th season as the head boys' basketball coach.

Last season the 'Hounds finished 17-10 overall, however, despite the solid overall record, their record was only 2-5 in the Midland Empire Conference.

If the 'Hounds want to improve on last season, they will have to do it without any returning starters. They will be forced

to rely on only three returning lettermen.

"We lost all five starters from last season," Kuwitzky said. "Four of

them graduated and then we lost sophomore Josh Wilmes to a football injury."

The three returning lettermen include seniors Dylan Hurst, Adam Howell and sophomore Myles Burnside.

"Both Dylan and Adam spot started last season, so they will be the only ones returning with any starting experience," Kuwitzky said.

The 'Hounds will be relying on newcomers to con-

tribute right away. Kuwitzky said that starting positions are up for grabs and there will be tough competition among new players.

The team's biggest challenges will come when they face conference foes St. Joseph Benton, Cameron and St. Joseph Lafayette.

"Cameron has to be the clear favorite in the conference," Kuwitzky said. "They have an all-state player that has committed to Creighton (University) and they also return most of their starters."

Despite the tough schedule, the 'Hounds hope for another winning season along with an MEC and district title.

"I want us to be playing our best basketball at the end of the season," Kuwitzky said. "Improvement is our main goal and that is what I want to accomplish more than anything."

The team looks to start the season off on the right foot when they face Mt. Ayr, Iowa.

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2002-2003 Boy's basketball schedule		
12/3	Mt. Ayr (Iowa)	8 p.m.
12/9	South Harrison	7 p.m.
12/13	LeBlond	8 p.m.
12/16-19	Nodaway Co. Tourn.	TBA
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Profile: Andy Seeley

Officials await busy weekend

Eight tip-offs, one kickoff in two days create busy weekend for athletic department

By JASON PRICE

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Sports fans of northwest Missouri will be getting a double treat this weekend as Northwest plays host to top teams in Division II athletics.

The buzz around campus this week has been overly excited as the tip-off of another basketball season gets underway and the football team extends their season into the playoffs.

Andy Seeley, sports information director, is constantly working behind the scenes, while all of this is going on.

As sports information director, Seeley is responsible for updating the Athletics Web page, providing pregame notes, cumulating statis-

tics, media guides and game programs for each home game.

The athletic department will be working both events at the same time, which is rarely something many athletic departments do in Division II.

Seeley and his assistants will have their hands full this weekend as playoff football action begins Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium and the annual Ryland Milner Classic Friday night.

"We'll go about business as usual," Seeley said.

Seeley has been part of the Bearcat family since 1997 and has been a part of the football team's postseason competition in every year but one.

"I'm always glad to take on the

extra work," Seeley said.

Seeley is not completely on his own. His staff includes one graduate assistant and four student assistants who work with him.

The men's side of the Milner Classic will include opponents such as Jackson State, Florida Tech University and South Dakota State College. While the women's side of the classic includes Southwestern Kansas, Augustana College and Doane College.

The Northwest women's basketball team will tip-off the Milner Classic against Southwestern College at 6 p.m. Friday. Northwest men's action will get underway with Florida Tech at 8 p.m. Friday.

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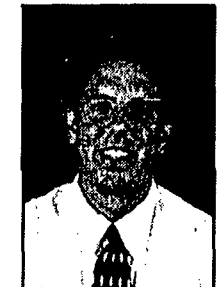
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John McMenamin

The senior had more than 300 yards passing against Emporia State. In that game, he became Northwest's all-time leader in career passing yards and season passing yards.



Megan Danek

The senior ended her career at Truman Friday. In that game Danek dished out 25 assists and two blocks. She led the team in both those categories in the 3-0 loss to the Bulldogs

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Stroller wishes for marriage

You may now kiss the bride. For many college students, finding that special someone while getting a degree is something they envision in their lives. But as graduation nears and there is little activity on the relationship monitor, some have to wonder why it hasn't happened to them. I know I definitely do.

See, I guess I had a picture of how things would go in my life. Today, as my biological clock ticks away and my years at Northwest wind to a close, the thought that I failed to find Mr. Right honestly irritates me.

I have friends that have found great relationships. They've even gotten married while in college and I can't figure out where I've gone wrong. I've casually dated since being here, but nothing panned out. He was involved in a long term relationship before us, he wasn't ready for the way things were going, one guy just wanted to have fun, another didn't mention he was seeing someone else.

When I think about options after college, I get nauseous.

Immediately, the number of potential candidates is cut dramatically. Instead of a dorm, classes or other organizations, my op-



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tions are bars and churches.

Sorry, but a 35-year-old divorced father of two, with monthly alimony payments of \$800 does not appeal to me. I could always place an ad for a "SWM 24-28" but the kind of fish I'd catch that way, I would probably have to throw back. There are Web sites, but e-mailing someone and chatting with them is not my idea of relationship building.

I've thought about being a successful 30-year-old with a great job, great car and a great place and yet have nobody to share it with. Sure, make the argument that you save money ... that you can go and do anything you want. But a BMW, a flat screen TV, a plush office and a house on the hills can't take the place of having someone to cuddle

up with on a weeknight, having someone who will share your experiences and really "live."

Need some proof? Watch MTV "Cribs" and you'll see what I mean. Many of these single stars have almost everything they've ever wanted. However, all the cars, money, gadgets and gizmos can't fill the void of a meaningful relationship.

Now, the search continues for a meaningful, long-lasting relationship. I'm sure that when I least expect it, when my number is up, I'll collide paths with someone looking for the same things I'm looking for. My advice to the rest of you searching souls out there ... cultivate any relationships you have, enjoy your time here at college and have a little faith.

One day, when finding someone to share the rest of your life with is the last thing on your mind, you'll meet that person. And before you can stop and examine what happened, you'll be on your way experiencing what it's like to really, truly live.

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Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Entertainment Review

Eminem ranks top dog in music, movie charts

By BRANDON SMITH

BUZZ COLUMNIST

He's No. 1 on Billboard's charts for top single. He's No. 1 on Billboard's charts for top album. While we're on it, he has two albums in the Top 10. Now he's got the honor for No. 1 movie at the box office. Eminem is everywhere right now and dominating everything that he does. Will the golden touch last? Is he Oscar worthy? Your faithful columnist is here to answer those questions.

"8 Mile" is Eminem's (a.k.a. Slim Shady, a.k.a. Marshall Mathers, oh who am I kidding you all know who he is) latest endeavor that like anything else he does has spawned controversy all over the United States. Directed by Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential") and produced by Brian Grazer ("A Beautiful Mind"), this movie delivers a powerful vote that our favorite white rapper might actually have an ounce of talent.

The movie is a fictional look at a young

rapper named Jimmy "Rabbit" Smith Jr. who is trying to make a name for himself in the black world of freestyle rap. For all hicks and people that live under rocks out there, that means that he makes rhymes up on the spot and he only has 45 seconds to do it.

Not only is he trying to be accepted into a culture that doesn't want him, he has family problems to deal with, too. His mom is a drunken mess that relies on Bingo for her weekly salary and is dating a washed-up loser. Jimmy has recently broken up with his girlfriend. The movie takes you through the trials and tribulations Jimmy must face on his way.

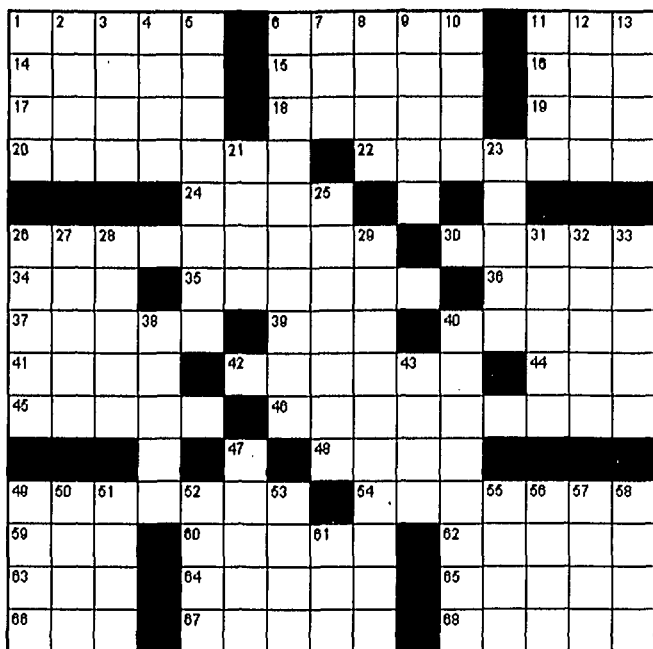
So the movie isn't exactly based on his life, but it is a metaphor for what he has had to deal with. From the minute Eminem hit the scene in early 1999, he has received constant ridicule and criticism for speaking his mind. Now that he's entered the movie arena, I was expecting to see him

nailed to the wall by everyone. Not the case. The vast majority of reviews that I've read have all been positive, some even over the top positive. There's even been talk about him being up for an Oscar. I don't think I quite agree with that, though. I'd like to see him try some roles out of his comfort zone before I bestow upon him the honor of Best Actor. Eminem playing a white rapper with a chip on his shoulder is hardly an Oscar-worthy acting role. Grazer and Hanson both deserve recognition for looking past all the hype that surrounds Mr. Mathers and seeing him for the gifted artist that he is.

Eminem's first attempt at doing movies is a valiant one and one that will be remembered. He's got incredible on-screen charisma and when the movie's over it leaves you wanting more.

Like him or not, he's a force to be reckoned with and will be for a while. Check out the movie and see what the buzz is all about.

Weekly Crossword



Across

1. Four-handed card game
6. O3
11. Female animal
14. Thus
15. US march composer
16. Robert and Richard —, printing press makers
17. Computer programming language
18. Body of people
19. Submachine gun
20. Tableland
22. Emblematic staff

24. — monster, venomous lizard
26. Low-ranking servant
30. Cold vegetable dish
34. Neither
35. Emanating from stars
36. Guile
37. Style of a particular artist
39. Rascal
40. Ear bone
41. Swarm
42. Lathered
44. Reference
45. Attempt
46. Equal to zero when raised to a certain power
48. Suggestive grin

49. Gruesome
54. Power train
59. Freezing
60. Moon-like
62. Microbar
63. Misters
64. Wood of a sapele
65. Smallest detectable sensation
66. Band
67. Eccentric
68. Intoxicate

Down

1. Sock
2. Inferno
3. Tree with pinnate leaves and white flowers
4. Tax
5. Telegraph

6. Close contact
7. Menagerie
8. Things belonging to us
9. Anti-child-cruelty group
10. Allay
11. Exclude
12. Slime
13. Low dam
21. Purposes
23. Decapod crustacean
25. Fast postal system (3,4)
26. Combine
27. Joins
28. Prohibitionists
29. Mottled gray (6-4)
31. Old French money
32. Strange
33. Dutch town
38. Siouan language
40. Lovable
43. Rapier with a three-sided blade
47. Mediterranean herbs
49. Alabama stockade
50. Square measure
51. Sac
52. Thoughtless chatter
53. Enclosed
55. Fulminate
56. Female name
57. No (Russian)
58. Male name
61. Weapon

Answers can be found on this page

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Thanksgiving facts:

■ The first Thanksgiving celebration took place in 1621.
■ The top two Thanksgiving Day picks are pumpkin, at 28 percent, and apple, at 25 percent.
■ Americans consume more than 675 million pounds of turkey at Thanksgiving.
■ The Indians of the eastern United States had a particular liking for meats served with fruit sauces. The ripening of cranberries and the Thanksgiving holiday coincide, which is one reason why cranberry relish is traditionally served with roast turkey.

■ Large balloons first appeared in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1927, and Felix the Cat was the first character featured. For a short time, there was a tradition of releasing the balloons when the parade was over. They'd float for days and the lucky finders could claim a prize.

■ The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was temporarily halted in the early 1940s during World War II, as rubber and helium could not be wasted. It resumed in 1945, and was televised in New York. The parade route is the same today.

■ "Jingle Bells," a popular Christmas song, was actually written for Thanksgiving. The song was composed in 1857, by James Pierpont, and was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh."

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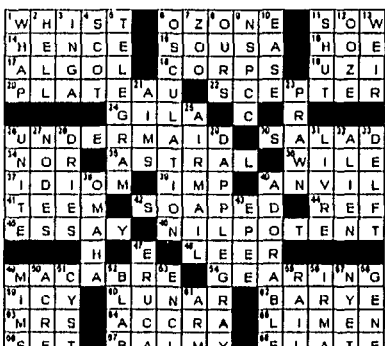
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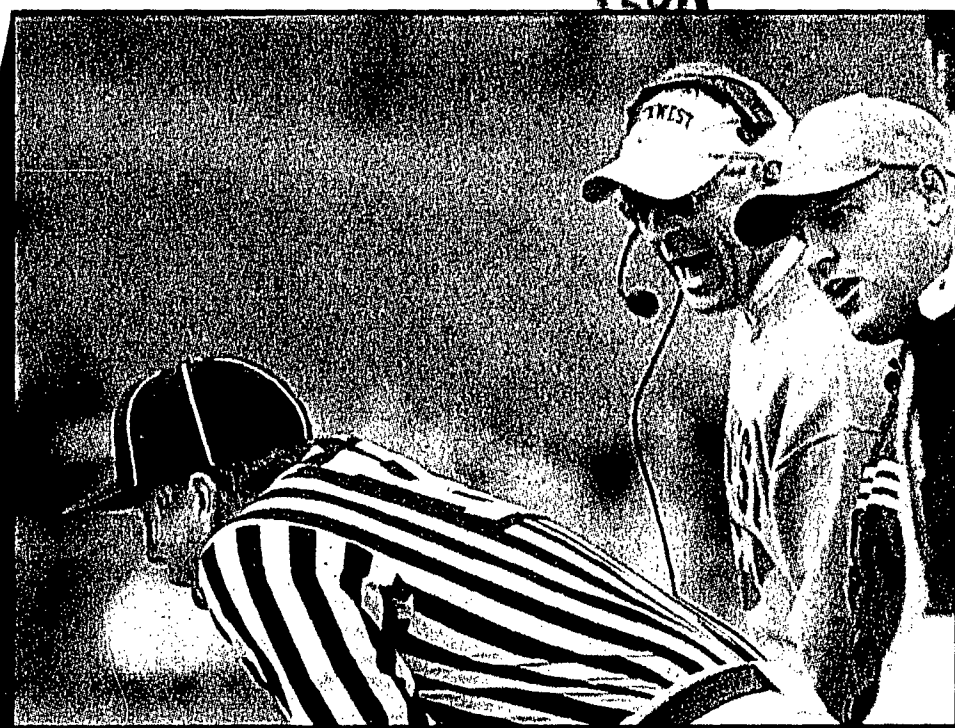
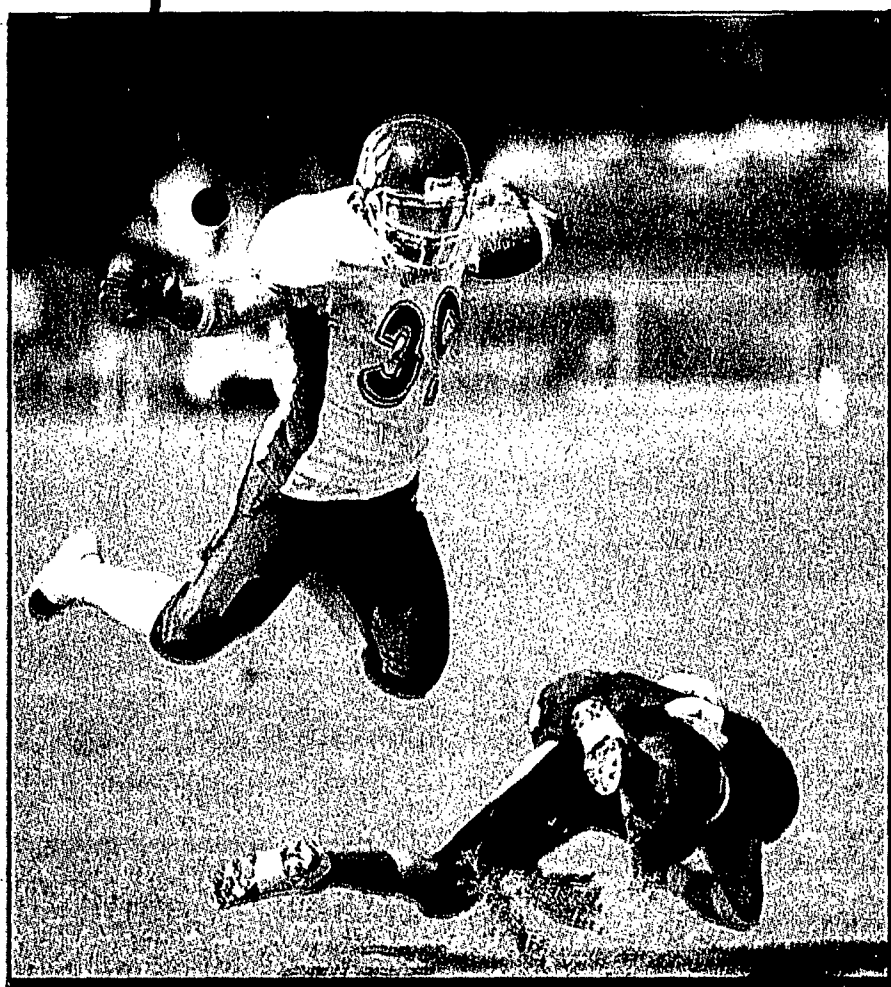
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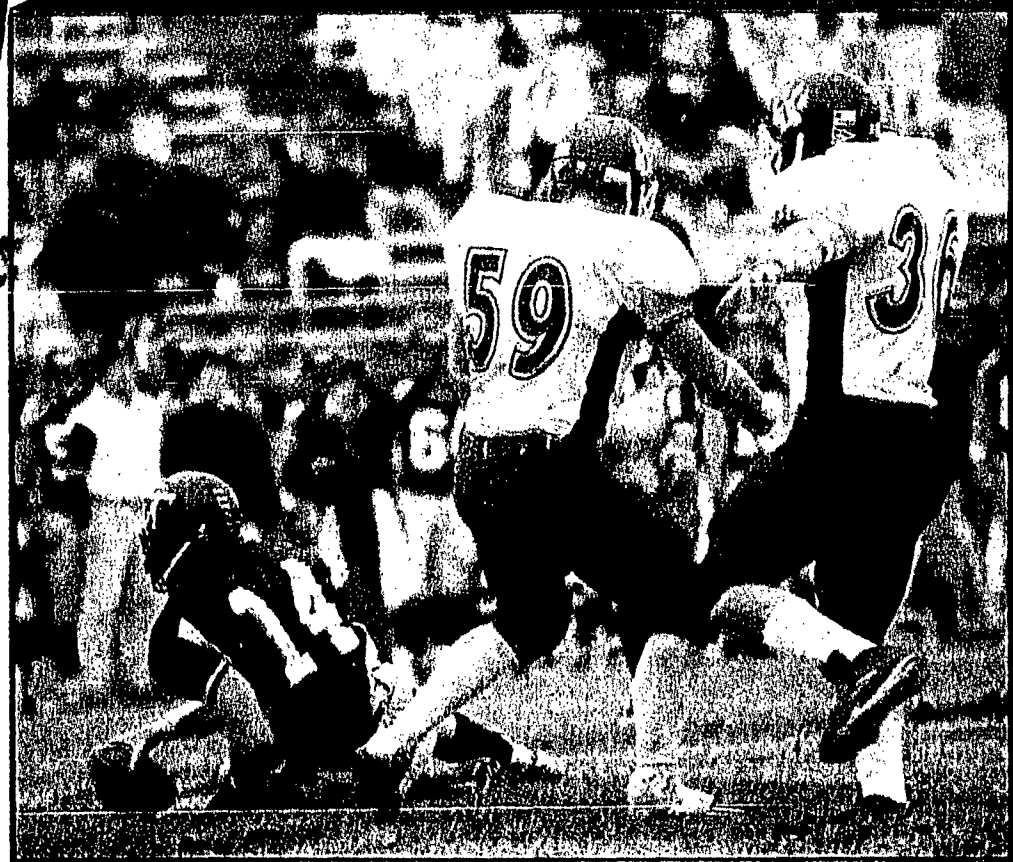
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Northern Colorado Bears, (10-1, 8-0)



Location: Greeley, Colo.
Enrollment: 10,983
Colors: Blue and gold
Home field: Nottingham Field
Conference: North Central
Head coach: Kay Dalton (3rd year, 21-12 at UNC)

Statistical leaders

Passing	G	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD
Mark Passard	11	133	254	1,848	11

Rushing	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Adam Mathews	11	239	1,003	4.2	9
TyRay Thompson	11	61	188	3.1	1

Receiving	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Eric Nelson	11	37	524	14.2	2
Justin White	11	29	440	15.2	3

Tackles	G	Total	Tackles	Solo	Assist
Reed Doughty	10	77	39	38	
Cabel Rohloff	11	75	38	37	

A little about the Bears:

The Bears are known for their defensive attack. They returned eight starters this season from a year ago. The defense is allowing only 13.8 points a game while scoring 26.4.

Northern Colorado ended the season at their peak, outscoring their final four opponents, 106-38.

If the Bears are involved in a close game against Central Missouri State University, then the advantage goes to the Bears. They have played in two overtime games this season, having won both of them.

CMSU Mules, (10-1, 8-1)



Location: Warrensburg
Enrollment: 11,000
Colors: Cardinal and black
Home field: Walton Stadium
Conference: MIAA
Head coach: Willie Fritz (6th year, 47-20 at CMSU)

Statistical leaders

Passing	G	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD
Dennis Gile	11	132	238	2,105	21

Rushing	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Kegan Coleman	11	243	1,311	5.4	22
K. O'Sadnick	11	61	316	5.2	4

Receiving	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Todd Devoe	11	50	895	17.9	11
Don Robinson	11	34	577	17.0	5

Tackles	G	Total	Tackles	Solo	Assist
Jason Vanlou	11	71	39	32	
Brian Riley	11	70	38	32	

A little about the Mules:

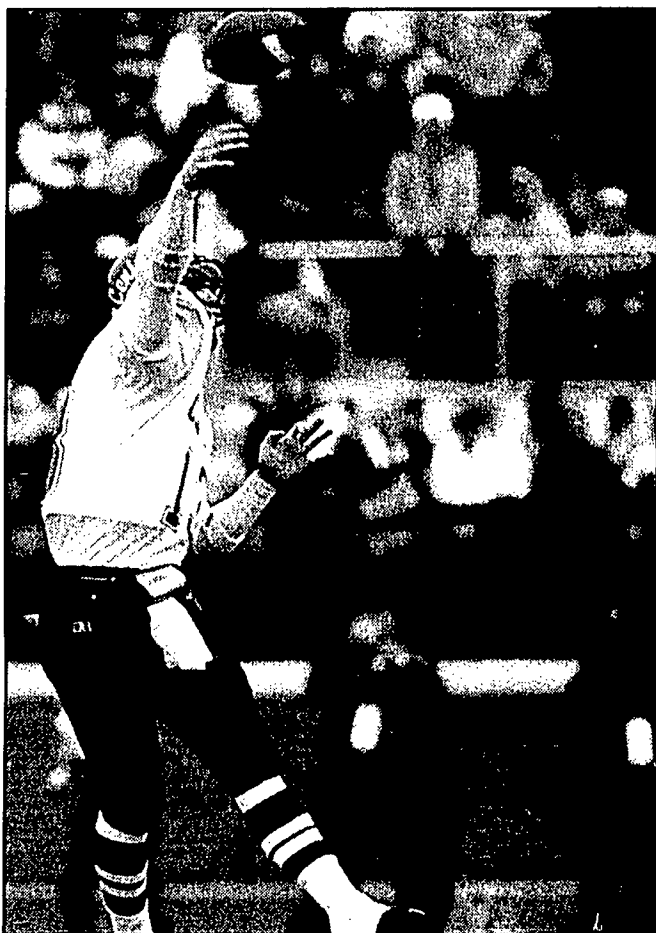
Bearcat fans are familiar with this team. The Mules paid a visit to Rickenbrode Stadium Nov. 2 and came up short, losing 10-7, their only loss of the season.

The Mules can go into an offensive explosion at any time. The Mules have scored 42 points or more six times this season.

The Mules lost running back Lee Thompson to injury early in the season, but sophomore Kegan Coleman has picked up the slack. He is the MIAA's leading rusher.

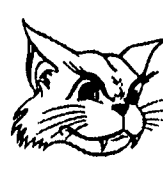


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Northern Colorado running back Adam Matthews



CMSU quarterback Dennis Gile

Northwest Bearcats, (11-0, 9-0)



Location: Maryville
Enrollment: 6,500
Colors: Green and white
Home field: Rickenbrode Stadium
Conference: MIAA
Head coach: Mel Tjeerdsma (9th year, 87-25 at Northwest)

Statistical leaders

Passing	G	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD
John McMenamin	11	255	421	3,114	25

Rushing	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mitch Herring	11	175	687	3.9	6
Geromy Scaggs	11	82	288	3.5	3

Receiving	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jamaica Rector	10	65	985	15.2	5
Andre Rector	11	41	559	13.6	3

Tackles	G	Total	Tackles	Solo	Assist
John Edmonds	11	59	32	27	
Andy Creger	11	58	24	34	

A little about the Bearcats:

The Bearcats played only four games at Rickenbrode Stadium this season, but know they have the chance to play host to at least two more.

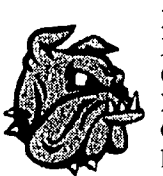
Senior quarterback John McMenamin leads the MIAA in passing. He became the all-purpose yardage leader at Northwest with his performance against Emporia State University.

The Bearcats rely heavily on the depth they have at wide receiver, using several receivers in games.



Northwest running back Mitch Herring

Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs, (11-0, 9-0)



Location: Duluth, Minn.
Enrollment: 9,815
Colors: Maroon and yellow
Home field: Griggs Field
Conference: NSIC
Head coach: Bob Nielson (4th year, 30-15 at UMD)

Statistical leaders

Passing	G	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD
Ricky Fritz	11	142	244	1,848	30

Rushing	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Dave Ruffedt	11	198	972	4.6	9
Stevon Ray	11	123	746	5.9	8

Receiving	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Steve Battaglia	11	54	886	16.4	8
Tim Battaglia	11	48	1007	21.0	17

Tackles	G	Total	Tackles	Solo	Assist
Adam Skinner	11	73	36	37	
Dave Otto	10	71	31	40	

A little about the Bulldogs:

This is the first appearance the Bulldogs have ever made in the Division II playoffs. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, they have to play on the road in the postseason. They have not lost a home game since the 2000 season.

The Bulldogs will be a tough team to handle with the Battaglia brothers at receiver, who have totaled 25 touchdowns on the year between them. Their quarterback, Ricky Fritz, is a four-year starter.

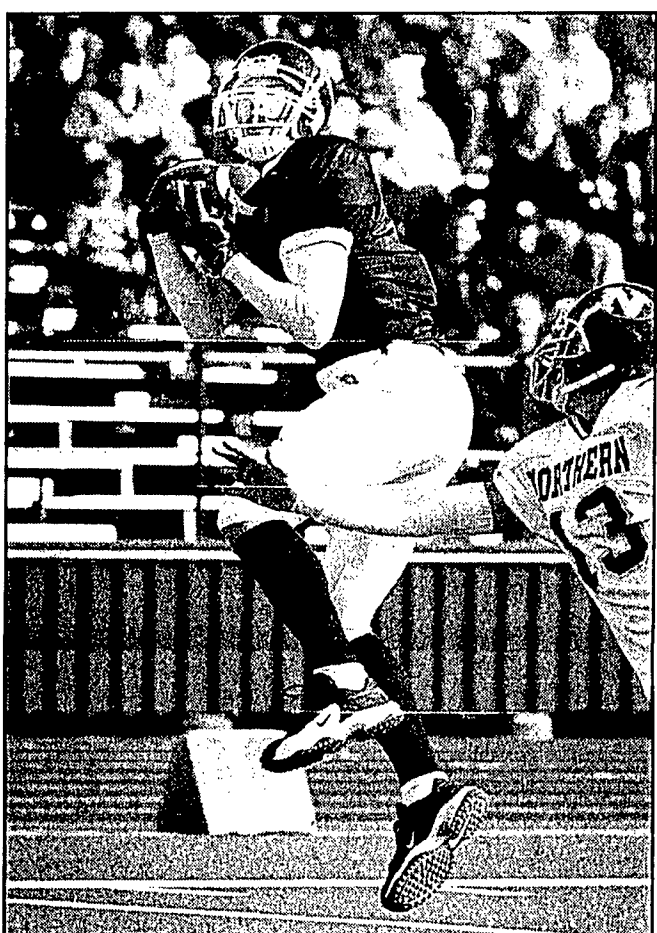


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Duluth wide receiver Steve Battaglia

Hail to the Victor

Unfamiliar group positions 'Cats in title contention

The Northwest offense has always been known as the force of the Bearcat football team. This season though, the defense has been the unit that has carried the team.

How ironic is it?

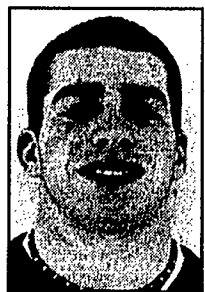
Sure, the offense has put up its share of points, but the defense has been consistent throughout the season (not counting the game against Minnesota-Mankato) and the offense has not.

The offense has been on a rollercoaster ride during the entire season. They put up 42 points against Mankato, then struggled to put points up against the University of Missouri-Rolla and Southwest Baptist University, then put up 48 against Washburn University and 29 against Pittsburg State University. Toward the end of the season, the Bearcats scored only one touchdown against Central Missouri State University and Missouri Western State College.

I take nothing away from Western. They were probably the best defense the Bearcats will face all season, but Northwest had more than one opportunity to score a touchdown in that game.

The offense racked up 426 yards and 34 points against Emporia State, but once again, the Bearcats missed opportunities to put up more points.

On the other hand, the defense has clicked through 11 games this season.



CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

They have shut down Missouri Southern quarterback Josh Chapman, CMSU's scoring threats in running back Kegan Coleman and receiver Todd Devoe and the powerful rushing attack of Pitt State.

Just when they seem like they have their backs against the wall, the defense steps up and makes a big play.

Take this past weekend's game for example. The Hornets started the second half recovering their own inside kick, down 28-5. They drove down the field and threatened to score, but senior safety Ryan Miller picked off a pass near the goal line. That interception dashed any hopes Emporia had to make a comeback.

That is what the defense had been doing all season, making all the stops when it counts. To think, a year ago the defense had many people on their case.

I'm not saying the defense is the only reason why the Bearcats are in the playoffs. The offense has done their share as well. It is just when you've got one of the top quarterbacks, running backs and wide receivers in the conference on one team, a lot is expected out of you.

The offense will find its groove, and once they do, the Bearcats are going to be very hard to contain. The offense has put enough points up this season to win 11 games and that's all that matters.

Now, it is playoff time. It is a new season. Like the saying goes: Offense wins games, defense wins championships.

Come Dec. 14, the Bearcats just might be preaching that.

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Defense takes play, intensity to new level

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior cornerback Marcel Smith and the rest of the Bearcat defense were fed up with critics' questions before and during the season.

"The defense as a whole, we got tired of everyone talking about those last three games of the season (2001), which in turn, would've gotten us into the playoffs," Smith said.

Questions such as: Can the defense step up? Are they going to allow opponents to get back into games?

"Defensively, the kids felt like they had a lot to prove," defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick said. "When you hear stuff long enough, it starts to hurt a little bit."

Those questions especially came about in mid-September. The Bearcats defeated the University of Minnesota-Mankato 42-31; however, Northwest was up 35-7 at one point in the game. It was a Mankato comeback that

brought back thoughts of last year's games against Truman State University, Central Missouri State University and Missouri Western State College. In those three games, the Bearcats held a lead only to watch it slip away.

Since the Mankato game, the Bearcat defense has silenced the critics.

Since the beginning of conference play, the Bearcats have allowed only nine points a game, which ranks them second in Division II in that category behind Catawba. The Bearcats are second in the MIAA in sacks (31), second in rushing defense (91.7 yards a game) and first in passing defense (88.1 rating).

Last season, no Bearcat made the first-team All-MIAA defensive squad. However this year, three players made the first-team defense, those being juniors John Edmonds and Darryl Ridley and senior Justin Bowser.

Bostwick said this year's defensive unit is special because there is not one player that stands out from the rest.

"There is not a superstar," he said. "It's just a bunch of guys that are blue collar guys that go to work and they play so well together."

Just like last season, the defense fell into many pressure situations.

This year the defense held a high-powered offense in CMSU to seven points.

Northwest saw Truman State regain a lead midway through the second half Oct. 26. The defense did their part and held Truman enough to let the offense score 10 unanswered points.

"Any time a ball game comes down to the end, there is pressure," Bostwick said. "We handled it so much better this

year. Instead of being on our heels and not trying to make mistakes, we were making plays and that's the difference."

The defense has done their part to get the Bearcats to this point, but they are not done. The playoffs are left, where games can often rely on the shoulders of the defense.

"It's great to be playing on all cylinders," Smith said. "From the D-line to the line-

backers back to the secondary. It's all about looking into your teammates' eyes and trusting each other. Right now, I think we got a lot of trust on this team."

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Players remember 2000 contest

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

As the sun set on practice Tuesday, Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma made sure the sun did not set on the team's season Saturday.

"In the last seven games they've played, their nail biter was a 17-point victory," Tjeerdsma said.

He was doing his best to prevent another first-round defeat like in 2000 against North Dakota State University.

In that game the Bearcats finished the regular season 11-0, just like this season, but were upset at Rickenbrode Stadium 31-17.

Senior placekicker Eddie Ibarra said this year's team is not taking anything for granted.

"We're glad we got here but now what we did in the regular season doesn't matter," Ibarra said. "We need to concentrate on what we did to get here. The big victories against Pitt and Central don't matter now, it's all about what we can do Saturday."

This year's team has a lot of players

who have witnessed playoff games, but few have actually played in a playoff game. Senior tackle Seth Wand, free safety Ryan Miller and cornerback Marcel Smith were the only 'Cats that played against the Bison.

So what will it take to snap the 'Cats out of an early slump if they fall into one?

"An 80-yard touchdown pass from John McMenamin to Jamaica Rector," senior running back Geromy Scaggs said. "See, I don't think it is going to take that. I don't think anyone is going to approach this game with nervousness. We all know we are good, and if the offense is down, the defense will pick us up and vice versa."

The 2000 team was riding a 22-game winning streak into the playoffs before they ran into a talented running back.

"I think that's when Lamar Gordon was playing for them and I think that might have had something to do with it," Scaggs said. "I saw him last night on television. I've heard them (other teammates) talk about that game and things just weren't going right. They had penalties, dropped passes and things like that."



Northwest players and fans were in disbelief when North Dakota State rolled into Rickenbrode Stadium in 2000 and came out with a 31-17 upset victory.

Gordon now plays with the St. Louis Rams, and he left Ibarra with a feeling that still hits him today, the feeling of losing.

"I am sure guys still feel that feeling a little bit, and don't want to feel it again," Ibarra said.

A factor that will help Northwest is the home field advantage. The 'Cats are currently riding a five-game home win-

ning streak and look to make it six.

"I didn't have my greatest game the last time here and I didn't want that to be my last home game," Ibarra said. "We didn't want to go up to Minnesota which is probably a little chilly this time of year, and our fans will be here in full support."

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Seniors reflect on last championship

By MARK EUSTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

They have been there and done that; they have tasted the sweetness of a national championship. Several seniors witnessed the last time the Bearcats emerged victorious in Alabama, two seniors can say they started in that game.

Defensive backs Marcel Smith and Ryan Miller experienced the thrill of getting to start a national championship game. Seth Wand also saw significant time in the game, playing the entire second half.

"These guys, as well as many others, have been leaders the entire year for us," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Their experience in the playoffs can only help us."

Ryan Miller, a fifth-year senior, said he thinks a particular part of his experience will help the team.

"I am going to let the guys that couldn't suit up know that they are still a huge part of the game," Miller said. "I sat in the stands when we won in '98 and I am going to let them know that they help us by calling out passes and runs, and just cheering us on."

In the four-overtime game in 1999, Miller proved to be the final player with the ball in his hands, recovering a Carson-Newman fumble that clinched the game for the 'Cats.

"At first I really didn't realize what was happening," Miller said. "Then

when the ref came in yelling 'game over, game over, Bearcats win' is when it hit me. I just jumped up and flung the ball into the air. Now that I think about it, I wish that I would have hung onto the ball, but somebody else ended up grabbing it."

The 1999 Carson-Newman game ended as one of the greatest games in Division II history.

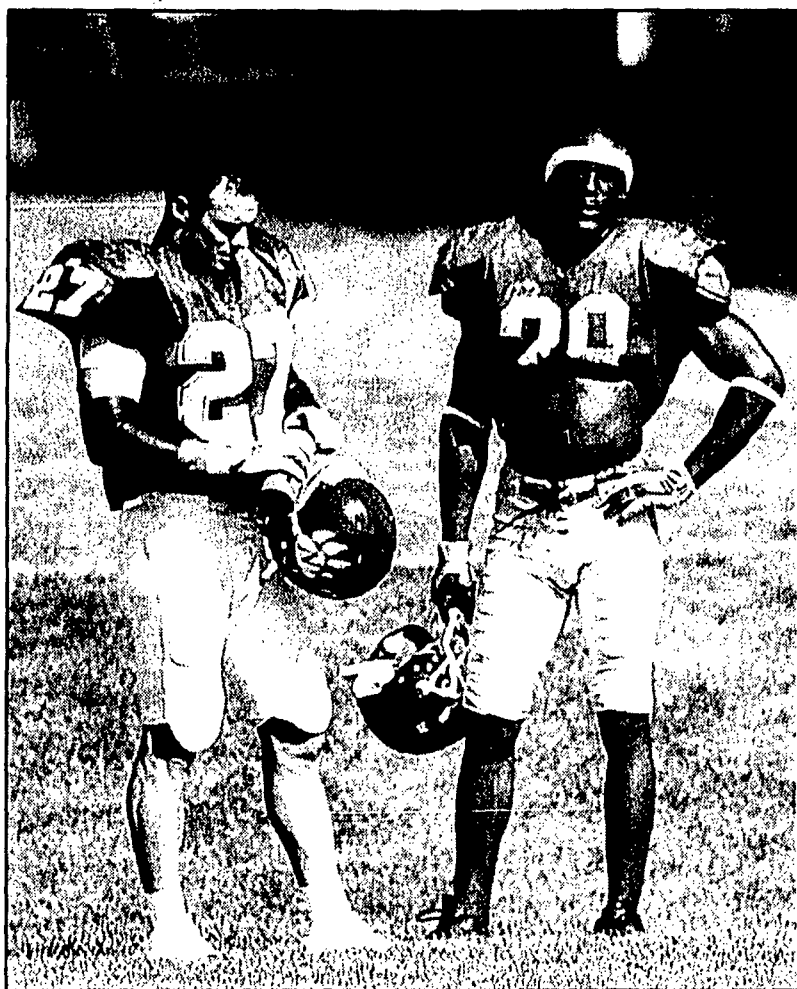
"If they (the players) could handle that pressure situation, I know that they can definitely handle any pressure situation this year," Tjeerdsma said.

Smith also plans to relay his experiences to youngsters on the team.

"They ask me questions as far as what it is like to be in the playoffs and things of that sort, but if you really look at it, towards the end of the season it has been sort of a playoff atmosphere," Smith said. "We have been in tight ballgames against Central (Missouri State University), we came back against Truman (State University), Missouri Western (State College) made a last minute drive and John Edmonds stepped up and made a great block to save that game."

Smith was in awe as a freshman at the national title and this year wants to gain the same experience as a senior.

"It was unbelievable just to be there," Smith said. "The whole environment, little things like the grass and the preparation, it was exciting to be there. It was



Seniors Ryan Miller (27) and Marcel Smith take part in preseason drills earlier this year. Both players hope to repeat their freshmen year, when both took part in the 58-52 national championship game.

something I'll never forget. I think I want to end my career the way that I started it, even as a red-shirt freshman, we were 15-0 as a red-shirt, I want to be 15-0 my senior year."

The advice that offensive tackle Wand relays to the younger players is

pretty simple.

"You just have to remind them that we have to go out there and do what we've done the last 11 games and we'll be fine," Wand said.

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Ranting and Raving

'Cats cannot overlook any team in playoffs



BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Northwest will find itself in a familiar situation Saturday. For the third time in four years, Northwest will play host to a playoff game.

The task is simple.

Do not be the second team in three years to lose in the first round to a lower ranked opponent.

In 2000 Northwest rode a No. 1 ranking and a 22-game win streak that spanned two years, into a matchup with North Dakota State University.

An overconfident team walked away with a 31-17 season-ending defeat. The loss was unexpected by everyone on campus, but a valuable lesson was hopefully learned that day. Every playoff opponent is good enough to beat you.

Yes, even the University of Minnesota-Duluth is capable of upsetting the mighty Bearcats.

Some people on campus seem to think the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference is incapable of producing good football. Funny thing is, in 1996 many people thought the MIAA was only capable of sending one good team, Pittsburg State, to the playoffs.

Many people took Northwest lightly

in 1996 when they were matched up against the University of Nebraska-Omaha, but it was Nebraska-Omaha who went home the loser that day.

The Bulldogs will test the Bearcats' secondary and their quarterback is a four-year starter who will present many of the same problems Dusty Burk did for the 'Cats against Truman State University.

I don't think the Bearcats will have a problem getting up for the Bulldogs Saturday, I think they learned their lesson in 1996.

Fans, do not be surprised if this game goes to the wire. Come playoff time there is no such thing as an easy win anymore.

Expect 60-minute matchups that bring out the best in both teams for the next four weeks.

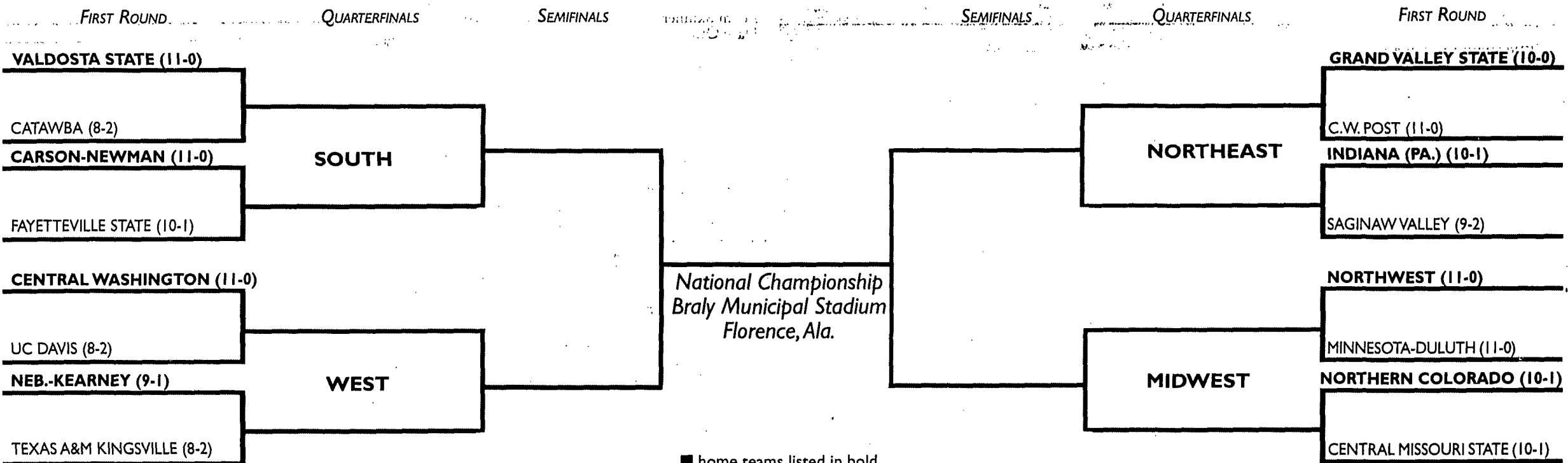
That is right, I said four weeks. I believe this team has what it takes to make it back to Florence, Ala. Their defense is playing with a confidence they did not possess last season.

The offense has the tools and when it is clicking, there is not a defense in the country that can stop them. There has only been one game where the two units remotely were in tune: Pitt State.

The 'Cats dominated from start to finish in that game. If those two units can somehow regain that form, I don't think any team, including Grand Valley State, will come within 10 points in the end.

TEAMS TO WATCH

Grand Valley State Lakers Record: 11-0 National ranking: 1 Conference: GLIAC Region: East First Round opp.: C.W. Post Key player: WR David Kircus, 23 TDs, 797 rec. yards. The bottom line: Eight different receivers have caught at least one touchdown pass this season.	Central Wash. State Wildcats Record: 11-0 National ranking: 5 Conference: GNAC Region: West First Round opp.: UC Davis Key player: RB Willie Johnson, 17 TDs, 891 yds. The bottom line: Wildcats are seventh in the nation in rushing defense.	Carson-Newman Eagles Record: 11-0 National ranking: 3 Conference: SAC Region: South First Round opp.: Fayetteville State Key player: QB Leonard Guyton, 6,149 career yards passing. The bottom line: The Eagles are ranked No. 1 in the nation in total offense.	C.W. Post Pioneers Record: 11-0 National ranking: 10 Conference: NE10 Region: East First Round opp.: Grand Valley State Key player: RB Ian Smart, 1,194 yds, 29 TDs, 7.1 ypg The bottom line: Pioneers rely on the rushing game. They have only thrown for 1,254 yards this season.	Indiana (Pa.) Indians Record: 10-1 National ranking: 6 Conference: PSAC Region: East First Round opp.: Saginaw Valley Key players: QB Brian Eyerma, 32 TD passes, seven INTs The bottom line: Mike Howard is averaging 10.3 yards per punt return. He has returned two for TDs.	Valdosta State Blazers Record: 11-0 National ranking: 2 Conference: GSC Region: South First Round opp.: Catawba Key players: QB Buster Faulkner, 2861 yds passing, 33 TDs The bottom line: The Blazers have forced 32 turnovers this season, but committed 26 of their own.
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'Cats look to contain Bulldog quarterback, offense

By COLEYOUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As the Bearcats enter the playoffs, their first round opponent brings a nationally ranked offense. The University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs come into the game with a Top 10-ranked offense in total yards.

Duluth averages 445 yards a game. Leading the charge for them is quarterback Ricky Fritz, who has thrown for 2,430 yards and 30 touchdowns this season.

Last week in their season finale, the Bulldogs improved to 11-0 with a 42-25 win over Winona State. Fritz threw for five touchdowns in the game. Duluth's top receiver Tim Battaglia pulled in three touchdowns. On the year, Battaglia has 48 receptions for 1,007 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"Duluth is a very well coached team," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "They make very few mistakes and can hurt you

in several different ways. They are ranked nationally in both their rushing and passing offenses."

Northwest has concerns about Duluth's passing game, but with Fritz at 5-foot-10, the Northwest defense is worried about his mobility.

Fritz has rushed for nearly 350 yards on the year and is not afraid to take the ball in his own hands should a pass play falter.

"Fritz reminds me of Dusty Burk (Truman State's quarterback)," Tjeerdsma said. "He uses some different techniques. He can either roll out or move on a boot-

leg. With his height disadvantage, getting outside lets him see the field more. It's dangerous to have a quarterback like him, because he can just take off and run any time. He is always a threat to run."

In the wide receiver department, both teams boast a pair of brothers. Duluth



Senior cornerback Marcel Smith tries to get a hold of Emporia State's Tyler Paul in the Bearcats' 34-5 victory over the Hornets. Northwest will face a Duluth team that ranks third in the nation in scoring offense.

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receivers Steve and Tim Battaglia have combined for 1,893 yards and 25 touchdowns. Northwest's Andre and Jamaica Rector have joined forces for 1,534 yards and eight touchdowns.

"We faced maybe one of the best passing teams in the nation in CMSU,"

senior cornerback Marcel Smith said. "We did well against them, but then again this is the playoffs and anything is possible."

Offensively for Northwest, the Bearcats seem to have found their stride, scoring 34 points against Emporia State

University after not scoring more than 14 in their last two games.

Northwest's running game has fallen on hard times lately, but the offensive line feels confident that the rushing game will be back in full force for the playoffs.

"We are working on our running

game," senior offensive tackle Seth Wand said. "The last couple weeks we really haven't faced a defensive line that has allowed us to rush, but hopefully this week we will have a chance to run a little bit more."

Any disadvantage Northwest might have in the rushing game, they make up in a home field advantage. The Bulldogs have a more than 500-mile trip to make before they invade Saturday at noon at Rickenbrode Stadium. When the Bulldogs arrive, an expected 9,000 Bearcat fans will be there to greet them. Around 200 to 300 fans are expected to make the trip from Duluth.

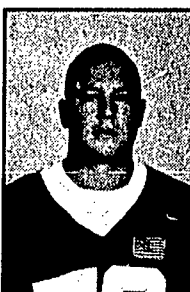
"There is a comfort level that we get from playing at home," Tjeerdsma said. "We also are able to keep our routine in that we don't have to make a flight to go play somewhere and we are able to sleep in our own beds. It's also nice for our fans, because they don't have to travel far to see a playoff game. In the past, we have had some large crowds present to see some great games."

However, the home field advantage is not as important to Smith.

"This is the playoffs," Smith said. "There aren't really any advantages. Everyone just wants to be in the final eight at this time next week."

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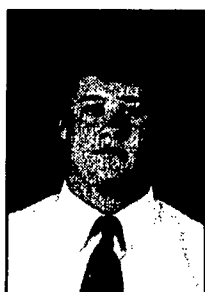
SATURDAY'S MATCHUP TO WATCH



#10 Ricky Fritz
Sr. Quarterback

Coaches have compared Fritz to Truman's Dusty Burk. Fritz has thrown for 30 touchdowns this season but he is not afraid to run. A lot of the pressure will lie on the Northwest line-backers to contain him. That includes

VS.



#59 John Edmonds
Jr. Linebacker

Edmonds. Edmonds has gotten his hands on a number of versatile quarterbacks this season. He has three sacks this season and 10 tackles for losses, which has him second on the team in that category.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Northwest

Fr. Mitch Herring
175 carries, 687 yards
3.9 avg, 6 TDs, 62.5 ypg

Sr. John McMenamin
255-421-9, 60.6 percent
25 TDs, 283.1 ypg, 3,114 yds

So. Jamaica Rector
65 catches, 985 yards
5 TDs, 98.5 ypg

Jr. John Edmonds
59 total tackles, 32 solo

Team leaders

Rushing

Fr. Mitch Herring

Passing

Sr. John McMenamin

Receiving

So. Jamaica Rector

Tackling

Jr. John Edmonds

Emporia State

Jr. Dave Ruffelt
198 carries, 911 yards
4.6 avg, 9 TD, 82.8 ypg

Sr. Ricky Fritz
142-244-11, 58.2 percent
30 TDs, 220.9 ypg, 2,430 yards

Sr. Tim Battaglia
48 catches, 1,007 yards
17 TDs, 91.5 ypg

Sr. Adam Skinner
73 total tackles, 36 solo

GAME INFO FOR FANS

■ There will be no complimentary admission.

■ Ticket prices for Reserved seats (East side) - \$12
General admission - \$7
Student general admission - \$3

■ Tickets are available at the Northwest Student Services Center, located on the first floor of the Administration Building.

■ Tickets can be ordered via telephone at 562-1212

NORTHWEST: BY THE NUMBERS

Team Statistics

Statistic	NW	Opp.
Scoring	339	119
Points per game	30.8	10.8
First downs	245	170
Rushing	77	73
Passing	146	78
Penalty	22	19
Rushing yards	1050	1,071
Rushing attempts	364	388
Avg. per rush	2.9	2.8
Avg. per game	95.5	97.4
Rushing TDs	16	7
Passing yardage	3,195	1,877
Passing attempts	433	356
Passing completions	260	167
Average per catch	12.3	11.2
Average per game	290.5	170.6
Total offense	4,245	2,948
Avg. per play	5.3	4.0
Kickoff return avg.	23.8	19.3
Punt return avg.	12.3	14.1
Fumbles-lost	12-7	22-9
Penalties-yards	96-869	87-773
Avg. per game	79	70.3
Time of possession	31:02	28:53
Punting average	38.9	36.8
3rd down conv.	68-161	58-174
4th down conv.	42 pct.	33 pct.
4th down percentage	5-12	6-19
Sacks by-yards	31-181	12-130
Interceptions	11	17
Field goals-attempts	13-22	7-12
PAT-attempts	36-40	11-13

Individual statistics

Passing
John McMenamin, 255-421-9 3,114 yards, 25 TDs

Rushing
Mitch Herring, 175 for 687 yards, six TDs
Geromy Scaggs, 82 for 288 yards, three TDs

Receiving
Jamaica Rector, 65 rec. for 985 yards, five TDs
Andre Rector, 41 rec. for 559 yards, three TDs

Tackles
John Edmonds, 59 total tackles, 10 TFL
Andy Creger, 58 total tackles, two sacks

2002 Schedule/results

Sept. 7	Neb.-Omaha	W 23-10
Sept. 14	At Minn.-Mankato	W 42-31
Sept. 21	Missouri-Rolla	W 34-9
Sept. 28	At SW Baptist	W 28-7
Oct. 5	At Washburn	W 48-13
Oct. 12	Mo. Southern	W 47-3
Oct. 19	Pittsburg State	W 29-7
Oct. 26	At Truman	W 31-24
Nov. 2	Central Mo. State	W 10-7
Nov. 9	At Mo. Western	W 13-10
Nov. 16	At Emporia State	W 34-5

Record: 11-0, 9-0 in conference play
Bold indicates conference games

Inside the numbers

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Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma's record in first round playoff games at Northwest. His only loss came to North Dakota State in 2000.

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Number of undefeated teams left in Division II heading into the playoffs.

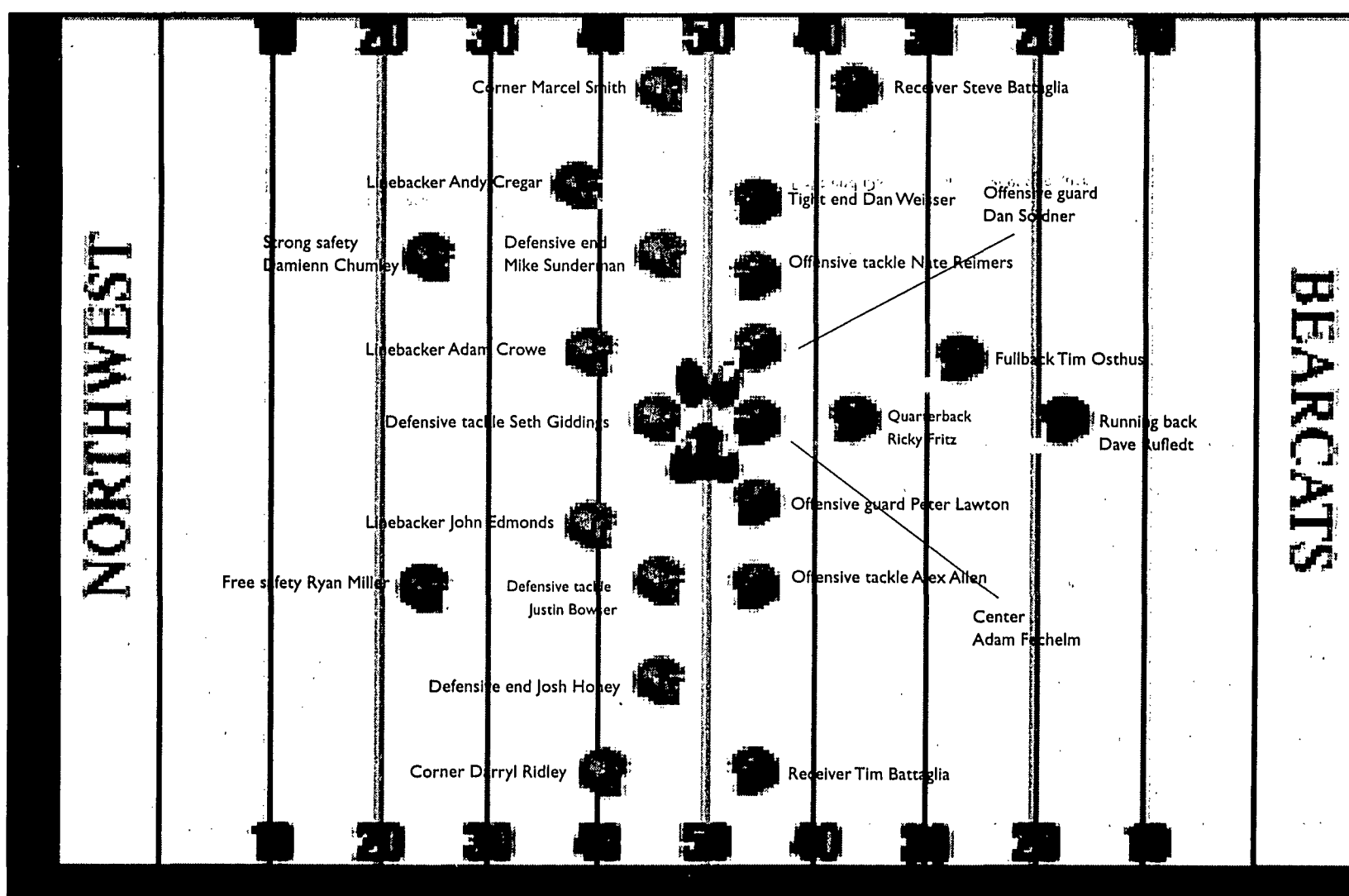
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The team record for most receptions in a career, set in 1985 by Steve Hansely. Jamaica Rector is on pace to break it. He has 126 career catches.

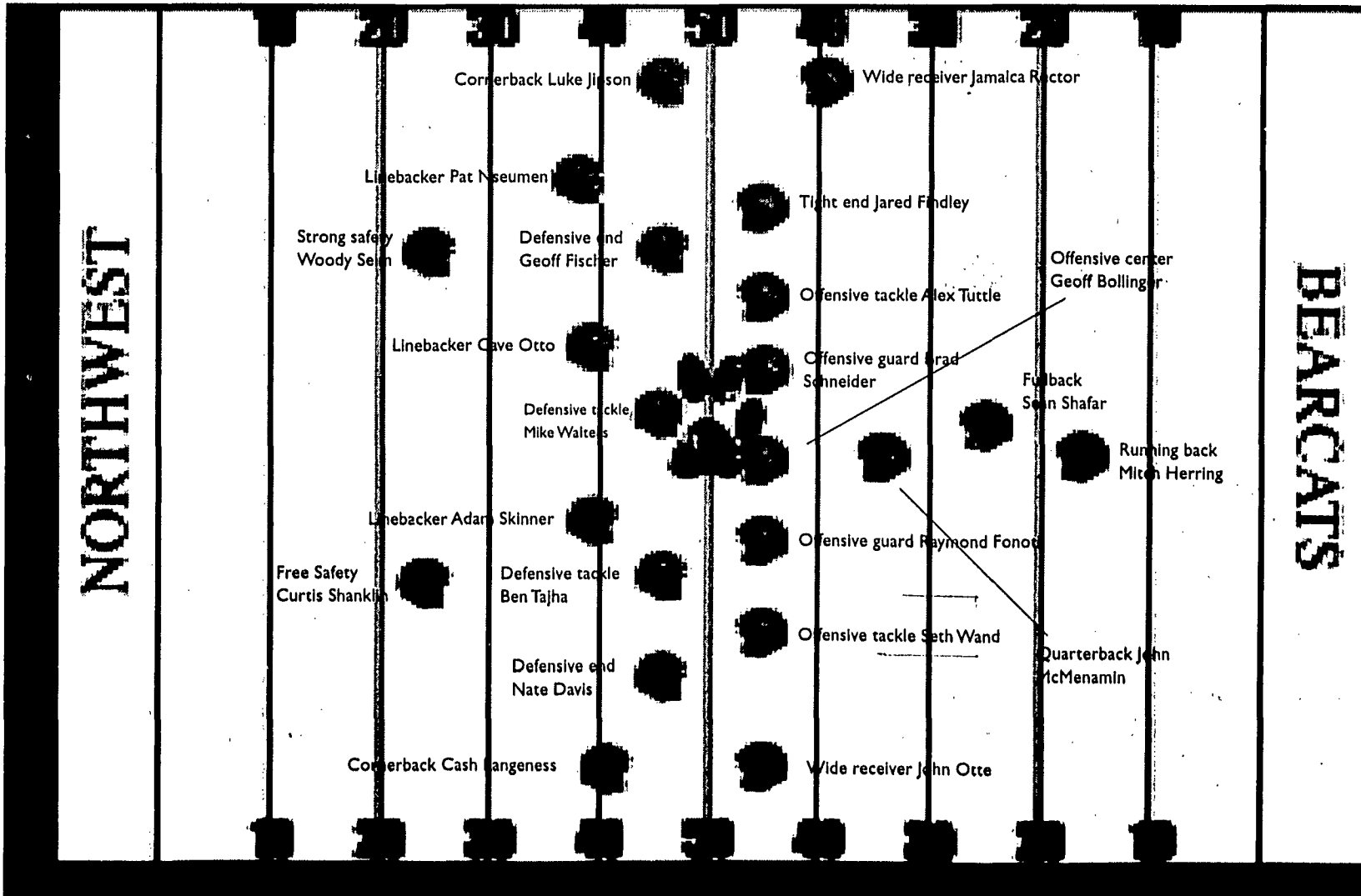
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The number of sacks the Bearcats have this season. That ranks them first in the MIAA in that category and is 18 more than they recorded last season.

'CATS ON DEFENSE, BULLDOGS ON OFFENSE



'CATS ON OFFENSE, BULLDOGS ON DEFENSE



UMD: BY THE NUMBERS

Team Statistics

Statistic	UMD	Opp.
Scoring	498	171
Points per game	45.3	15.5
First downs	259	176
Rushing	125	64
Passing	107	91
Penalty	27	21
Rushing yards	2,207	898
Rushing attempts	485	381
Avg. per rush	4.6	2.4
Avg. per game	200.6	81.6
Rushing TDs	28	9
Passing yardage	2,695	2,124
Passing attempts	273	358
Passing completions	160	172
Average per catch	16.8	12.3
Average per game	245	193.1
Total offense	4,902	3,022
Avg. per play	6.5	4.1
Kickoff return avg.	20.9	19.3
Punt return avg.	8.6	4.1
Fumbles-lost	21-12	23-16
Penalties-yards	91-825	88-722
Avg. per game	75	65.6
Time of possession	31:25	28:34
Punting average	32.8	35.4
3rd down conv.	66-128	52-168
3rd down percentage	52 pct.	31 pct.
4th down conv.	1-6	12-29
4th down percentage	17 pct.	41 pct.
Sacks by-yards	41-316	8-71
Interceptions	13	13
Field goals-attempts	11-15	3-6
PAT-attempts	57-63	12-19

Individual statistics

Passing
Ricky Fritz, 142-244-11 2,430 yards, 30 TDs

Rushing
Dave Ruffelt, 198 for 911 yards, nine TDs
Stevon Ray, 123 for 725 yards, eight TDs

Receiving
Steve Battaglia, 54 rec. for 886 yards, eight TDs
Tim Battaglia, 48 rec. for 1,007 yards, 17 TDs

Tackles
Adam Skinner, 73 total tackles, 5.5 sacks
Dave Otto, 71 total tackles, 12 TFL

2002 Schedule/results

Sept. 7	Minn.-Mankato	W 44-9
Sept. 14	At South Dakota	W 23-21
Sept. 21	At Minn.-Morris	W 44-6
Sept. 28	Minn.-Crookston	W 76-14
Oct. 5	At Southwest State	W 38-7
Oct. 12	At Minn.-Moorhead	W 53-27
Oct. 19	Concordia-St. Paul	W 36-12
Oct. 26	At Northern State	W 48-22
Nov. 2	Bemidji State	W 52-25
Nov. 9	Wayne State	W 42-3
Nov. 16	Winona State	W 42-25

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The number of games senior quarterback Ricky Fritz has played in, a team record. He has thrown for 30 touchdowns this year.

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The number of receptions wide receiver Steve Battaglia has this season to go along with his 17 touchdowns.

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The number of receptions the rest of the team has combined, excluding Tim Battaglia, who has 48 catches this season going into Saturday's game.

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The number of playoff appearances the Bulldogs have made before this year.